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MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE AT BALFOUR, N.C.

A PROBLEM

From necessity some children are placed in orphanages who should not be there. The writer makes this statement after having several years' experience in dealing with orphanage problems. The class referred to is composed, in part, of children of widows who have a small income, but not enough to support their children and give them suitable educational advantages. The mother must work to make ends meet. She must go from home and remain several hours during the day at the place of business. She cannot take the children with her for they would be in the way. Left at home without a mother's care they are neglected, exposed to accidents, evil associations, etc. Serious troubles arise, the mother becomes discouraged over conditions, and contrary to her desires she is forced to place her children in an orphanage. In doing this she feels that a certain amount of independence has been surrendered, a feeling that is highly commendable if not pressed too far. The course pursued is the best thing she could do, since she could not make a support and at the same

time care for her children at home.

There are numbers of mothers, such as we have described. Also, there are fathers with motherless children in the same condition, perhaps more helpless. These fathers and mothers belong to the great laboring class of men and women, who would gladly meet all necessary expenses for the care and the training of their children, if only the way were opened to them. Suitable homes, properly located, and placed under the care of good, capable women would supply a long felt want. They should have school and church privileges, with an accessible market. In a home like this, one good woman could care for a number of children while their mothers would work and provide the support. Also, homes like this would leave more room in our orphanages for children that are absolutely destitute.

We have felt the need so keenly that we are going to ask that a home of this kind be erected within the bounds of Asheville Presbytery. Near one of our established schools a suitable lot of several acres has been donated and is waiting for a

building to be erected for this purpose. We are confident that some benevolent person or persons will provide means sufficient to build a home that will meet at least a part of this crying need. In this Presbytery we emphasize self-help in all lines of mission work. Let us encourage those who are doing all they can to help themselves.

THE NEW SYNOD

Our General Assembly at its recent meeting approved the overtures, which were sent from the Synods of Tennessee and North Carolina, requesting that a new Synod be formed. "Appalachia" is the name given to the new organization, which will be composed of several mountain counties. It takes all in Asheville Presbytery, and the following in Concord: Mitchell, Avery, Watauga and Yancey; also Holston and Knoxville Presbyteries from the Synod of Tennessee. Abingdon Presbytery, of the Synod of Virginia, has permission to come into the organization if it so elects at its fall meeting.

Those of us who have been laboring in this territory for several years have felt the great need of closer and more efficient co-operation in our work along all lines. This is especially true in regard to our educational enterprises and evangelistic efforts.

The new Synod, to be organized the 9th of next November, will bring with it new responsibilities. Some of the brethren had grave doubts as to the wisdom of this undertaking, so it is now left to us, who advocated the measure, to make good our claims.

FOR THE NEW HOME

If plans fail not we will open another Home for orphan children this coming fall. They will need a large number of quilts and other bedding. We can depend on our ever-willing women to supply this want.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Vegetables are abundant at Balfour; they are helping greatly to relieve the shortage in cash receipts during the past few months.

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We extend a cordial welcome to Miss Elsie Russell, who has come to assist Mrs. Temple in the work at Balfour. She has had special training in Domestic Science.

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To build the Annex for the Dormitory at the Morrison Industrial School is a big job for the women of Asheville Presbytery to undertake, but they have never yet failed in any of their enterprises. They see the need at our doors, hence their great zeal.

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The boys at the Maxwell Home and School have found a good friend in Mrs. ———, who has taken upon herself the task of providing funds sufficient to enclose their farm with a wire fence. Many thanks for this much needed help.

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Mr. Temple and his boys are justly proud of their fine herd of cows at Balfour. The children have plenty of milk and butter, and some to spare. They have sold \$25.00 worth during the past month. This home industry is now a great help in purchasing flour.

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It is reported that a certain man, after making a visit to Balfour and examining carefully the work that is being done there for orphan chil-

dren, has taken out a life insurance policy in favor of this Home. This is very encouraging to those who have labored faithfully in caring for these homeless children. We hope that others will remember this branch of our Mission Work when they write their wills.

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On the program of Commencement Exercises at the Highland Hospital Training School for Nurses, we see the name of Miss Martha K. Edwards in the list of graduates. She entered the Mountain Orphanage at Balfour several years ago, then took a course of study in the Morrison Industrial School, after which she entered the Training School for Nurses. We extend congratulations to Miss Martha and wish for her a happy and useful life.

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It affords all the brethren of Asheville Presbytery great pleasure to have Rev. George Hudson become a member of the body. His examination and reception the first of this month was a spiritual feast for all present. We feel that it is a benediction to have a man of his worth in our midst. While deprived of the pleasure of preaching in China, where he served twenty years, he is now preaching at his home in Montreat. From his cot he is showing hundreds how to be submissive, sweet, and happy through suffering.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AT MORRISON

While on a visit at the Morrison School some days ago, we heard much about the good work that is being done in the Christian Endeavor Society connected with the church there. It is composed of students in the School and young people of the community. The meetings are well attended and the members are faithful in performing the duties assigned them. The teachers in the School are leading and directing the work. Several of the young people have made a public profession of their faith in Christ and are now helping others towards a better life. An organization of this kind not only helps in bringing young people to a knowledge of Christ as a personal Saviour, but it teaches them how to do Christian

work. Training of this kind has been much neglected in most of our churches. We are delighted to hear of this good work and we commend the Morrison church and its young people.

When Dr. David Livingstone returned to Scotland after an absence of sixteen years in Africa, the University of Glasgow desired to honor him by conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Laws. On such occasions candidates for honorary degrees usually expect an embarrassing reception at the hands of the young collegians who are present in full force, bubbling over with boyish fun. But when Dr. Livingstone appeared on the platform they received him with silent respect and reverence. He was gaunt and weary from exposure to sixteen years of African sun and twenty-seven attacks of African fever; one arm, having been rendered useless by the bite of a lion, hung helpless by his side. There stood a real hero who had fought many a battle for humanity, and his presence inspired a feeling of awe in the minds of all present. He told them that he was going back to Africa, partly to open new fields for British commerce, partly to suppress the African slave trade, and partly to open the way for the preaching of the gospel. But the sentiment which stirred all hearts most was this: "Shall I tell you what supported me through all these years of exile among a people whose language I could not understand, and whose attitude toward me was always uncertain and often hostile? It was this, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'"—*From The Christian Advocate.*

We are always persuading ourselves that our lot is too small and that upon an ampler field we would make a better show. Ministers are wanting larger parishes. "Why hast thou given me but one lot and one part for an inheritance, seeing I am great?" Teachers seek other schools, merchants other sites, and so on to the end. But, in the main, greatness is a demonstration not a declaration and it makes room for itself. All this is supremely true in character. Goodness is to be won, worth demonstrated where we are.

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR MAY

The following amounts have been received for the beneficent causes:

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| BRYSON CITY CHURCH | |
| Foreign Missions..... | \$ 5.00 |
| OAK FOREST CHURCH | |
| Foreign Missions..... | \$ 3.00 |
| MONTREAT CHURCH | |
| Presbytery's Missions..... | \$ 8.56 |
| Synod's Missions..... | 2.14 |
| Assembly's Missions..... | 2.14 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 5.35 |
| Ministerial Edu. & Relief.... | 1.07 |
| Pub. and S.S..... | .65 |
| Bible Cause..... | .21 |
| B. S. Orphanage..... | .21 |
| OAK DALE CHURCH | |
| Foreign Missions..... | \$ 1.35 |
| ORA STREET CHURCH | |
| Presbytery's Missions..... | \$17.25 |
| Synod's Missions..... | 4.05 |
| Assembly's Missions..... | 4.05 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 11.16 |
| Ministerial Edu. & Relief.... | 5.03 |
| Pub. and S.S..... | 1.43 |
| B. S. Orphanage..... | .81 |
| Bible Cause..... | .66 |
| MORRISON CHURCH | |
| Contingent Fund..... | \$ 3.00 |
| SLAGLE MEMORIAL CHURCH | |
| Foreign Missions..... | \$ 3.60 |
| ASHEVILLE CHURCH | |
| Foreign Missions..... | \$51.55 |
| Presbytery's Missions..... | 88.88 |
| Synod's Missions..... | 22.22 |
| Assembly's Missions..... | 22.22 |
| Ora Street..... | 50.00 |
| Ministerial Edu. & Relief.... | 11.11 |
| Pub. and S.S..... | 4.45 |
| Bible Cause..... | 2.22 |
| B. S. Orphanage..... | .544 |
| C. M. BAND—CHARLOTTE SECOND CH. | |
| Morrison School..... | \$ 7.00 |
| W.M.S.—HENDERSONVILLE | |
| Morrison School..... | \$25.00 |
| W.M.S.—ORA STREET | |
| Morrison School..... | \$14.50 |
| Maxwell School..... | 5.00 |
| W.A.S.—BRYSON CITY | |
| Morrison School..... | \$10.00 |
| ALA. STREET CHURCH | |
| Morrison School..... | \$10.00 |
| W.M.S.—MONTREAT | |
| Foreign Missions..... | \$ 4.14 |
| Presbytery's Missions..... | 1.45 |
| Morrison School..... | 28.00 |
| Ministerial Edu. & Relief.... | .96 |
| Pub. and S.S..... | .28 |

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| Bible Cause..... | .07 |
| W.M.S.—FRANKLIN | |
| Morrison School..... | \$10.00 |
| W.M.S.—MILLS RIVER | |
| Morrison School..... | \$ 3.00 |
| W.M.S.—OAK DALE | |
| Morrison School..... | \$ 2.00 |
| W.M.S.—ASHEVILLE | |
| Foreign Missions..... | \$50.00 |
| Maxwell School..... | 15.00 |
| Morrison School..... | 33.04 |
| W.M.S.—ETOWAH | |
| Morrison School..... | \$ 1.00 |
| W.M.S.—WAYNESVILLE | |
| Morrison School..... | \$25.00 |
| L.M.S.—CANTON | |
| Morrison School..... | \$13.25 |
| S.S.—WAYNESVILLE | |
| Foreign Missions..... | \$ 4.41 |
| S.S.—HENDERSONVILLE | |
| Foreign Missions..... | \$11.12 |
| W.M.S.—BLACK MOUNTAIN | |
| Morrison School..... | \$ 5.00 |
| Y.L.M.S.—ORA STREET | |
| Morrison School..... | \$10.00 |
| ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERIAL | |
| Foreign Missions..... | \$ 4.00 |
| S.S.—ORA STREET | |
| B. S. Orphanage..... | \$ 2.06 |
| H.M.S.—CHARLOTTE SECOND CH. | |
| Presbytery's Missions..... | \$10.00 |
| KING'S DAUGHTERS—HEN- | |
| DERSONVILLE | |
| Foreign Missions..... | \$ 5.00 |
| MISS MATTIE DAVIS | |
| Morrison School..... | \$ 1.00 |
| MRS. G. L. TOPPMAN | |
| Maxwell School..... | \$ 5.48 |
| R. P. SMITH, Treas. | |
| Asheville Presbytery. | |

HOW TO FIND GOOD IN
OTHERS

At the meeting of the Asheville Presbyterial in May the Missionary Societies sent up some encouraging reports. All of them would furnish interesting reading matter, if we only had space to print them. However, we take the liberty of printing a part of one, as follows:

"Although we have not gained in membership, as some have dropped out and others have taken their places, we have made a very perceptible gain in the spirit of giving, and in spiritual life. Our little prayer circle has not failed in keeping pledge to pray for those on our prayer list, and to meet once a month and pray for them. This has brought us in closer touch with each other, and brought us nearer to that One 'Who is not willing that one of these little ones should perish.'

"We had some precious prayer meetings before the self-denial offering was taken, when God was indeed with us to bless us. Our society pledged itself to 'Speak no evil of any one' and the consequence is, we can find the good in others better and overlook their faults much more easily.

"One meeting each month during the summer we had a short program, then a social hour which we all enjoyed.

"Our donations to missions have been larger than before and more congregational work has been done. We have a contingent fund of five cents a month, per member, to be used for flowers for the sick, for literature, and whatever we need it for."

SOME OF OUR SPECIAL NEEDS

1. A cow barn at Balfour—\$150.00 with what work the boys can do would build it.

2. 350 rods of wire fencing for pasture lands at Maxwell Home—\$100.00 would get it.

3. Furniture for the Dormitory at the Morrison School—\$50.00 would pay for it.

4. Ten barrels of flour for children at Balfour.

A candle that will not shine in one room is very unlikely to shine in another. If you do not shine at home, if your father and mother, if your sister and brother, if the very cat and dog in the house are not the better and happier for your being a Christian, it is a question whether you are really one.—*Selected.*

The Morrison School is indebted to Mrs. R. T. Grinnan of Asheville for a Victrola and several records. It is giving the girls in the Dormitory a great deal of pleasure.

There is nothing that makes men rich and strong but that which they carry inside of them. Wealth is of the heart, not of the hand.

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FINANCES

Treasurers of churches, Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies will please send to R. P. Smith, Treas., all funds collected for the Beneficent Causes of the church. He forwards the same promptly to the several disbursing offices. By this method all contributions are duly acknowledged in our printed reports.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We suggest to missionary societies and individuals, making gifts of money to be used for special purposes, that they too send all such funds to the Treasurer of the Presbytery. Donations of this character go promptly to the objects for which they are contributed and a record of the same is kept.

Rev. R. P. Smith will gladly furnish information on all matters pertaining to the Orphanage, the Schools, and the Mission Fields within our bounds.

MAIL, FREIGHT AND EXPRESS

FOR

MORRISON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Rev. J. Q. Wallace, Principal

Send mail to Franklin, N. C., freight and express to Prentiss, N. C.

MAXWELL HOME AND SCHOOL

Mr. J. E. Lancaster, Supt.

Send mail, freight and express to Franklin, N. C.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Rev. A. H. Temple, Mgr.

Send mail and freight to Balfour, N. C.
Express to Hendersonville, N. C.

INFORMATION

Morrison Industrial School

\$60.00 provides a full Scholarship for a needy girl an entire session.

Maxwell Home and School

\$30.00 supports an orphan boy at this Home till he can make his board by work on the farm.

Mountain Orphanage

\$5.00 per month supports a child in this Home.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Box of clothing—From Golden Circle, Presbyterian Church, Fort Collins, Colo.

Box of straw hats—From Miss A. Anderson, Switzer, S.C.

Box of clothing—Mrs. J. C. Arbogast, Asheville, N.C.

Box clothing—Miss Annie Rose, Laurinburg, S.C.

Box of clothing—Unknown friend, Asheville, N.C.

Package of table linen—Mr. and Mrs. Neisler, King's Mountain, N.C.

Package of clothing—Mrs. A. H. Cobb, Asheville, N.C.

MRS. A. H. TEMPLE, Matron,
Balfour, N.C.

CASH RECEIPTS FOR MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE DURING MAY

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| Asheville Church..... | \$ 8.89 |
| S. S., Ora Street..... | 2.06 |
| W. M. S., Montreat..... | 2.00 |
| W. M. S., Asheville..... | 10.00 |
| Ora Street Church..... | 2.54 |
| Montreat Church..... | 1.07 |
| S. S., Waynesville..... | 4.59 |
| Mrs. M. N. Bartlett..... | 10.00 |
| Mrs. A. A. Anderson..... | 1.00 |
| Asheville Presbyterial..... | 7.15 |
| Mrs. Olive Gillespie..... | 1.00 |
| Rev. W. P. Chedester..... | 1.00 |
| A Friend..... | 1.00 |
| Oak Dale Church..... | 3.45 |
| S. S., Spartanburg..... | 50.00 |
| A Friend..... | 1.00 |

R. P. SMITH, Treas.

DONATIONS FOR MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE DURING APRIL

Box of clothing—L. M. S., Black Mountain.

Box of clothing—King's Daughters, Hendersonville.

Box of clothing—Orphanage Society, Asheville.

MRS. A. H. TEMPLE, Matron,
Balfour, N.C.

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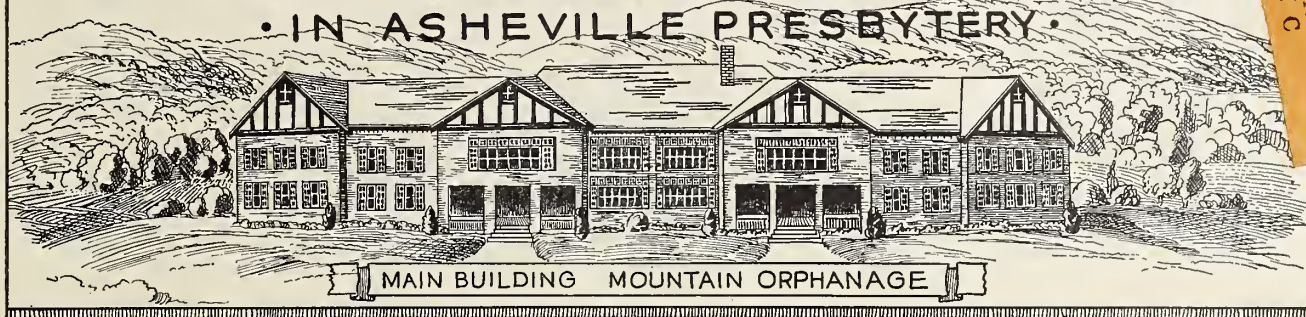
Sunshine shows things in their
right colors. So cheerfulness brings
out the true colors of life.

Some generous friends are making
it possible for us to commence building
again at the Maxwell Home and
School. The boys will begin making
concrete blocks at an early date.

We never know for what God is
preparing us in his schools, for what
work on earth, for what work in the
hereafter. Our business is to do our
work well in the present place, whatever
that may be.

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NOTES FROM MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Easter is nearly here and already friends are planning egg hunts for our children. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kuykendall have established a custom of giving the little girls a hunt at their home, and Mrs. Gordon Mahy, of Montreat, is bringing a Sunday group to give pleasure to our small children.

"Bunny" is beforehand with his arrangements and is planning to give his usual amount of sugar and other supplies in accordance with rationing rules. Good little "Bunny!" He never forgets us. We hope he gets all the eggs he wants for Easter and that he just lives in clover!

The closing exercises of Swannanoa School on the 9th of April were most interesting, an unusual, patriotic program in which our children participated. Our five girl graduates made us very proud, the three "Rs," as we call them, Ruth Keller, Reba Carter and Ruby Watson, Georgia Smith and Marie Anne Foxx. The first named received an award for the highest average grade of the class for the year. The five are all leaving us to find their places and work in this busy world. Georgia and Marie Anne will be in New York for the summer. Reba and Ruby are taking a course in sheet-metal work at the N.Y.A. Training School, together with Agnes Osteon, who was one of our graduates two years ago. Ruth will probably find her place at Black Mountain. She and Georgia are planning to go to college. We shall miss them all and pray for their success wherever they are.

It was a pleasure to have a visit from Nelson VanHook and his wife this month. He is a very fine and fine-looking sailor and much pleased with his work in the Navy. Many of our boys are in very dangerous places. Let us bear them in our hearts and pray that they may be preserved in body and soul.

It was good to have a visit also from Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Bedinger. We never forget what the Orphanage owes to them. The family of Dr. R. P. Smith always commemorate his birthday by making a gift to the Orphanage. This 24th day of March they gave a subscription of three standard magazines, Child Life, McCall's Magazine, and The Readers' Digest. We are so grateful for these and will be enjoyed by many every day in the year.

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R. E. McClure

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BEGINS WORK

New Bern Pastor Will Succeed Bedinger As Executive Secretary.

The Rev. R. E. McClure, for the past 13 years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Bern, has accepted the office of executive secretary of Asheville Presbytery, it was announced by the Rev. C. Grier Davis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here and chairman of the Committee of the Presbytery to select a man for this work.

Succeeding the Rev. R. D. Bedinger, who resigned as Superintendent of Home Missions of Asheville Presbytery to become head of the Negro work of the entire denomination, Mr. McClure expects to arrive in Asheville about the middle of April, and to bring his family in June after the end of the school term.

Served Under Dr. Smith

Mr. McClure began his student work as a minister in the Covenanters Presbyterian Church at Dillingham in the summer of 1918, serving under the late Rev. R. P. Smith, then Superintendent of Home Missions, and the late Rev. W. S. Hutchinson, pastor of the Church. Subsequently he was graduated from Davidson College and took his theological training at the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., from which he also received the graduate degree of Th.M., at the

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On Mothers' Day Remember The Boys In Our Armed Forces

A Mothers' Day offering for bringing the ministry of the Church to the boys away from home in the armed forces of our country!

Every congregation is asked to take such an offering on May 9 or as near to that date as possible. Each Church has been advised of the goal set by Asheville Presbytery. The Presbytery voted to accept a total goal asked by the Defense Service Council and urged each congregation to strive earnestly to raise their part.

Contributions should be sent promptly to the Treasurer of the Presbytery, who will forward same to the Assembly's Committee. A full list of contributing churches and organizations will appear in future issues of **Our Mountain Work**.

This money is greatly needed for work among men in communities where the local Church is unable to bear the added financial responsibility of ministering to men stationed within their bounds. In many cases new camps have been built long distances from any churches and new work must be initiated.

Boys are being led to Christ through this work. Thousands are learning to appreciate the Church through services made possible by workers paid by the Defense Service Council.

The demand is urgent! The need is great! Now is the time! Every Church with a boy in service should make a generous offering!

PRESBYTERY NOTES

Asheville Presbytery met at the West Asheville Church on Tuesday, April 20, at 10:00 A.M., for a busy one-day session. Rev. Harold T. Bridgman challenged the ministers and laymen to a renewed evangelistic effort in the retiring moderator's sermon. The communion was administered by the host pastor, Rev. J. C. Plexico, assisted by Mr. Bridgman and Ruling Elder representatives.

Rev. Wm. H. Wakefield, pastor of Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches, was elected Moderator. Rev. M. L. Williamson, pastor at Waynesville, was elected Temporary Clerk to assist the Stated Clerk, Rev. G. B. Hammond, of Canton.

The outstanding feature of the Presbytery was an inspiring message.

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An Appreciated Gift

"When I get the old age pension I plan to take out a dollar each month to give to the Memorial Fund to Dr. Smith." These were the words of Aunt Alice Wilson, an elderly Christian Negro woman living in Asheville. She was in the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Smith during their sunset years and did everything possible for their comfort and happiness.

The friendship of these families of different races dates back over a period of many years. As a young girl, Aunt Fannie, Aunt Alice's mother, made a profession of her faith in Christ under the preaching of Rev. R. H. Reid. He was the father of Mrs. R. P. Smith and was pastor of Nazareth Church in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. At one time there were as many as seventy colored members of this famous old country church and they chose an elder of their own race to represent them in the session meetings of that church.

Aunt Fannie's mother, Aunt Peg, belonged to the Smith family in the days of slavery and her ashes rest in the family burying ground on the old plantation.

The Lord can take this widow's dollar each month and multiply its usefulness in the further education of the Mountain Orphanage boys and girls to better equip them for lives of Christian service. —J.S.B.

Lofquist New Chaplain

Rev. Henry V. Lofquist, who has been elected Chaplain of the Good Samaritan Mission, has arrived in Asheville to take up his work.

He is an A.B. of the John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and B.D. of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., where he recently completed post-graduate work. For the past seventeen years, he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Brookhaven, Miss.

He will receive a warm welcome into Asheville Presbytery.

Approved Pre-Flight School

The United States War Department has approved King College, Bristol, Tenn., as a pre-flight school for candidates for the U. S. Army Air Corps Cadets.

The King College School will be the first course in the training of the men to become officers in the Air Corps.

The trainees will be given from two to five months of instruction. Those who successfully complete the course will be sent to Air Corps classification centers, where they will be classified for training as pilots, navigators, and bombardiers.

King College will furnish all instructors for the academic work and physical education, and the Army Corps staff will direct the military instruction and training.

Lieutenant Ernest C. Wade, of King College, was one of the first to receive the Distinguished Service Cross "for heroism and extraordinary achievement" in the U. S. Air Corps.

As of January, 1943, one hundred and ninety-four King College men had entered the armed forces. Five of these have been reported killed or missing in action.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BEGINS WORK

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1942 commencement.

For a little over two years Mr. McClure was pastor of a country field in Wilmington Presbytery, near Garland, N. C., and then served for over four years as pastor of the Leaksville Presbyterian Church, serving a country field in connection with it. After one semester of graduate work at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., in 1929, he accepted the pastorate at New Bern, where he has been since June of that year.

While a member of Orange Presbytery, serving the Leaksville field, Mr. McClure was chairman of the Stewardship Committee of the Presbytery. In Albemarle Presbytery, where New Bern is located, he has been stated clerk since 1934, and served as treasurer of the Home Mission Committee for two years prior to that. While treasurer of this committee he began the publication of a quarterly, Home Mission Facts, in the interest of the work of the Presbytery, which was enlarged and taken over by the Rev. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, and made the official organ of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina under the name, The Presbyterian News.

Active In Civic Work

For about ten years Mr. McClure was a member of the New Bern Kiwanis Club, serving two terms as president and about four years as secretary. For a number of years he was chairman of the Craven County Board of Public Welfare and was active in the work of the Ministerial Association of New Bern.

Mr. McClure was born in Wilmington, N. C., the son of the late Rev. A. D. McClure, D.D., pastor of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of that city, who in years past was fre-

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PRESBYTERY NOTES

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sage on Evangelism, brought during the afternoon session by Rev. D. W. Richardson, D.D., a member of this Presbytery, retiring Chairman of the General Assembly's Permanent Committee on Evangelism, and Professor at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

The Brittain's Cove Presbyterian Church, located near Weaverville and formerly connected with Holston Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., was received from that Presbytery. Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., was named Stated Supply of the Church for the next six months.

Ruling Elders Bert C. and Pat Ward were in attendance. A membership of 78 was reported, and Ruling Elder Bert C. Ward enrolled as the official representative of the Church.

Joseph Auten, a graduate of Erskine College, in business at Bryson City, was received as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He will enter Union Theological Seminary in the fall.

Rev. R. E. McClure was received from Albemarle Presbytery and formally approved by the Presbytery as Executive Secretary. He was presented to the Presbytery by Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., Chairman of the Commission to fill this vacancy.

Rev. J. C. Shive, of East Hanover Presbytery, was received into Asheville Presbytery. Mr. Shive is residing within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Rev. Henry V. Loftquist, a member of the Presbytery of Mississippi, now serving as Chaplain of the Good Samaritan Mission of Asheville, was presented to the Presbytery. He expects to be received at a later date.

The Stated Clerk made a verbal statement outlining what would be reported officially to the General Assembly. His summary is reported elsewhere in this issue of **Our Mountain Work**, as are also the names of Commissioners elected to the General Assembly, and a summary of some of the routine reports.

The Presbytery will meet again at Mills River on July 13, 1943, at 10:00 A.M.

New President Elected

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of King College, Rev. Robert T. L. Liston was elected President, and has accepted the position. He is a graduate of Davidson College, of Union Theological Seminary, and Ph.D. of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

He has held several important pastorates, was Superintendent of Home Missions in Abingdon Presbytery for a year, was Assistant Professor of Hebrew in Union Seminary for one session, held a professorship in the Southwestern Presbyterian University, from which he was called to the presidency of Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, W. Va., and now becomes President of King College, Bristol, Tenn. —R.F.C.

NOTES FROM MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

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Several times our Tangerine Man, Mr. J. C. Wolcott, of Lake Wales, Fla., has notified us that this is his last shipment of fruit; then here will come another basket of luscious tangerines. We are very lenient with him when he makes a mistake like that! He has sent more than a dozen baskets this year. We feel that this citrus fruit has had much to do with keeping the children in good health this winter, for we have had less sickness than usual. Besides the fruit we have enjoyed several interesting letters from this friend.

We are glad to announce that Miss Susan Currell, returned missionary from Japan, who has been teaching Bible in the Black Mountain schools, will be with us for our six weeks' Vacation Bible School this summer. We are not sure yet, but hope Miss Mary Currell, her sister, will be with us, too. These devoted Bible students and teachers will mean much to all the family.

Sometimes you may wonder what goes on day by day at the Orphanage. How shall I tell you? The life is simple, just the life of a family working, playing, worshipping together, doing the daily round of common tasks, and giving thanks that we live in this beautiful spot surrounded by many friends. Perhaps you would not consider it such a simple routine if you knew what went on in the various departments day by day. The work is done by the boys and girls and hence needs constant supervision by the members of the staff. There is the huge laundry to be disposed of every Monday, rain or shine, snow or blow, and the weather man is not always considerate. Then comes the mending, the darning, the sorting of clothes and putting away, the repairs that have to be constantly made in every department, the cleaning upstairs, downstairs, from kitchen to basement, to porches, and believe you me, sixty youngsters can make dirt and disorder! The bathing, the hair-cutting, the hair-curling (for every older girl must have curls these days, and their hair is lovely, if I do say so!) And the farm work must go on continually, with milking, feeding, caring for the livestock, the planting, cultivating and harvesting of crops. Devolving upon the father of sixty children are duties many and varied with an extra number of emergencies thrown in for good measure. Seeing the superintendent leaving for Black Mountain early one morning, someone enquired, "Why are you going?" With a deep-drawn breath he replied: "Well, the bus must go to the garage for gas and the checking of tires, there are deposits to be made and other business to attend to at the bank. The dietitian needs supplies and there is a watch at the jeweler's to be called for and packages to be mailed at the Postoffice. I must buy some lumber to make gates and return by the blacksmith shop to get the wheelbarrow, hoes and axes left there for repairs." In the meantime someone develops an abscessed tooth and has to be taken to the dentist and then to the hos-

pital. The afternoon will doubtless be as full with conferences, callers or dental appointments or some unexpected problem to solve. Innumerable small boys are running in for permission to go fishing or to the store or somewhere else, and girls are wondering why they can't do this or that, and often one cannot explain and somebody's mental and spiritual equilibrium is sure to be upset. And don't forget about the heavy correspondence with which Miss Cooke helps, keeping the files and attending to the office work generally.

Well, this is it and it's a great life if you don't weaken! M.P.G.

PRAYER FOR MEN IN THE SERVICE

The First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., has an arrangement whereby each day is divided into ninety-six periods of fifteen minutes each. Each person is asked to take a fifteen-minute period some time during the day to use that time in prayer for the men of the church who are in the armed service. Cards are prepared especially for this purpose and more than 60 have been signed. Every period around the clock has been chosen. The church is praying twenty-four hours a day for its members who are in the service. The men are notified that this is being done for them. The woman who directs this project reports that nothing in the life of the church has meant more than this. Many family altars have been established and blessings have come, not only to the men for whom prayer is being offered, but to those who are praying as well.

KING COLLEGE DEBT CAMPAIGN

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Montreat Church: | |
| (Paid in Full) | \$ 32.87 |
| Weaverville Church: | |
| (Paid in Full) | 118.68 |
| Hendersonville Church | 50.00 |

MONTREAT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

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| Montreat Wom. Aux. | \$100.00 |
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ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL

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| Hendersonville Church | \$ 25.00 |
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ASHEVILLE COLORED HOSPITAL

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| Black Mountain Church | \$ 5.00 |
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ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSION EMERGENCY FUND

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| Goal: \$3,000.00 | |
| Previously Reported | \$2,897.16 |
| Hendersonville W. A. | 50.00 |
| West Asheville Church | 4.95 |

Total \$2,952.11

Commissioners To The General Assembly From Asheville

Presbytery

PRINCIPALS

Ministers:

Rev. Donald W. Richardson, D.D.
Rev. James I. Paisley.

Ruling Elders:

Dr. Nelson Bell, Black Mountain.
R. R. Williams, Asheville.

ALTERNATES

Ministers:

Rev. James M. McChesney.
Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman, D.D.

Ruling Elders:

L. R. Prevost, Waynesville.

B. H. Evans, Weaverville.

The General Assembly convenes at Montreat on May 27, 1943, at 7:30 P.M.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE ANNUAL REPORT

April 1, 1943.

Because of the unusual stress and strain of the times, one might say we have done very well under the circumstances, but someone has reminded us that a child of God "has no business being under the circumstances." Doing the Lord's work we can face the future with confidence as we have done in the past years.

At this writing we do not have the complete annual report, but we are led to believe that we have lived within our budget and we are closing the year "not in the red." If this be true we should rejoice and thank God that it has been done in the face of such rising costs. We have in the Home at present 59 children, 29 boys and 30 girls. Five of these girls will be going out in a few days and two boys have already been accepted.

Health: The health of the children during the past year has been good. We have had no serious illness. Our doctors of a year or two ago are all in our country's service. Happily in the past year we have made few calls on doctors and these were responded to by Dr. Nelson Bell and the new physician, Dr. Anthony, at Black Mountain. In July of last year a tonsil and adenoid clinic was held at the Orphanage. This was sponsored and financed by the Woman's Club of Black Mountain, it being understood that the 13 operations on our children would cost nothing, provided that they might bring in an equal number of neighborhood children for operations. This was a great experience, but quite a help to our institution.

Education: This year we have one girl to graduate at Montreat College, but no student at King College. However, we have one boy at Chapel Hill, since he could not secure the desired training at King. I do not believe he is getting any help from our Church.

We have five high school graduates. These are all fine girls and we feel that they are a credit to the institution.

Spiritual Training: This work has gone in the usual way with a six weeks' Daily Vacation Bible School in the summer, our children being regular attendants at the Black Mountain Church and the devotional exercises at the institution morning and night, and the usual Scripture and Catechism memory work. Our young people are active in the Young People's Society work of the Black Mountain Church, taking the lead in this work, the president last year and also this year being one of our older girls.

Boys In Service: The Mountain Orphanage has some 28 of its boys in our country's service. Letters from these boys and their visits give us reason to believe that we need to be proud of them. There are several lieutenants and quite a number of sergeants and corporals among them. One boy received the Distinguished

Flying Medal for outstanding service in the South Pacific.

The Staff: Only one change has been made during the past year, which was necessary because of the illness of Miss Zeller, boys' matron. Mrs. Smith, new boys' matron, is quite satisfactory, and in all we believe that we have one of the finest groups we have ever had, each one capable in their respective departments.

Credit To Swannanoa School: Our financial condition is helped in part because of the free lunches provided by the Swannanoa School with the help of other agencies. This has probably cut our expenses around \$700.00, but we are advised that we can hardly expect this help another year.

The Farm: Increasingly is our farm an asset. All our crops last year were good. The newly developed pasture is aiding materially in providing meats for the children. Next year we have a reason to expect three or four thousand pounds of beef because of the help of this pasture.

Fruits: Because of our planting in years past our children have an increasing amount of fruits annually, apples, cherries, grapes, berries, etc. This year if the season is good we have a right to expect two or three hundred quarts of berries and four or five hundred gallons of cherries. We are planning to do an additional amount of canning this year.

The New Hospital: Our fears of the new hospital being a handicap to our work are being allayed. Although there are some 1,500 well soldiers being trained, these are carefully guarded and our Orphanage property has been posted "out of bounds for soldiers." Although there are rumors that the plant might be enlarged, we have no reason to believe that they will take any of our property. Respectfully submitted.

—J. H. Gruver.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BEGINS WORK

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quently a guest minister at the First Presbyterian Church of this city. Mrs. McClure is a daughter of Rev. W. T. Walker, Presbyterian minister of Millboro, Va., who was for ten years Superintendent of the Presbyterian Orphans' Home at Barium Springs, N. C. They have two children, a daughter, Frances, who is graduating from the New Bern High School this spring, and a son, Robert, eleven years old.

It is expected that Mr. McClure will be dismissed by Albemarle Presbytery at their spring meeting in Greenville, N. C., April 13, and will be received by Asheville Presbytery at a meeting in the West Asheville Presbyterian Church on April 20. He will have headquarters in the Wachovia Building and will be actively engaged throughout the entire Presbytery which extends from the eastern borders of Buncombe and Henderson Counties to the western and southern state boundaries with Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina.

(The Asheville Citizen, March 24, 1943.)

BENEVOLENT RECEIPTS—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

April 1, 1942 — March 31, 1943.

| | BUDGET | TOTAL PAID INC. SPECIALS | PAID LAST YEAR |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Andrews Church | \$ 100.00 | \$ 258.00 | \$ 174.00 |
| Bethel Church | 145.00 | 150.00 | 274.00 |
| Black Mountain Church | 750.00 | 1,240.00 | 1,354.00 |
| Brevard - Davidson Church | 776.00 | 886.00 | 619.00 |
| Bryson City Church | 259.00 | 424.00 | 568.00 |
| Canton Church | 932.00 | 1,050.00 | 975.00 |
| Etowah Church | 129.00 | 163.00 | 168.00 |
| Franklin Church | 310.00 | 341.00 | 239.00 |
| Hayesville Church | 47.00 | 144.00 | 51.00 |
| Hazelwood Church | 100.00 | 113.00 | 30.00 |
| Hendersonville Church | 4,140.00 | 5,000.00 | 4,337.00 |
| Highlands Church | 130.00 | 295.00 | 336.00 |
| Kenilworth Church | 600.00 | 1,274.00 | 607.00 |
| Montreat Church | 1,800.00 | 3,245.00 | 3,115.00 |
| Murphy Church | 100.00 | 224.00 | 198.00 |
| Oak Forest Church | 207.00 | 262.00 | 188.00 |
| Robbinsville Church | 75.00 | 86.00 | 131.00 |
| Swannanoa Church | 674.00 | 1,364.00 | 1,100.00 |
| Sylva Church ..... | ..... | 7.00 | 54.00 |
| Weaverville Church | 450.00 | 940.00 | 493.00 |
| West Asheville Church | 800.00 | 1,064.00 | 800.00 |
| Asheville First Church | 13,465.00 | 13,295.00 | 11,325.00 |
| Dillingham Church | 129.00 | 94.00 | 125.00 |
| Ivy Park Church | 47.00 | 25.00 | 31.00 |
| Mills River Church | 310.00 | 272.00 | 304.00 |
| Morrison Church | 93.00 | 2.00 | 41.00 |
| Waynesville Church | 621.00 | 583.00 | 407.00 |
| White Oak Church | 31.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Unaccepted Askings | 1,780.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Totals | \$29,000.00 | \$32,801.00 | \$28,044.00 |

STATISTICAL RECORD—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

For year ending March 31, 1943, as compiled by the State Clerk, Rev. G. B. Hammond. Totals of all Churches of Presbytery combined.

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| Ruling Elders | 169 | Deacons | 190 |
| Additions | | | |
| On Profession of Faith | 172 | By Certificate | 307 |
| Total Membership | 5,184 | | |
| Baptisms | | | |
| Adults | 95 | Infants | 60 |
| Church Schools | 30 | | |
| Enrollment | 3,625 | | |

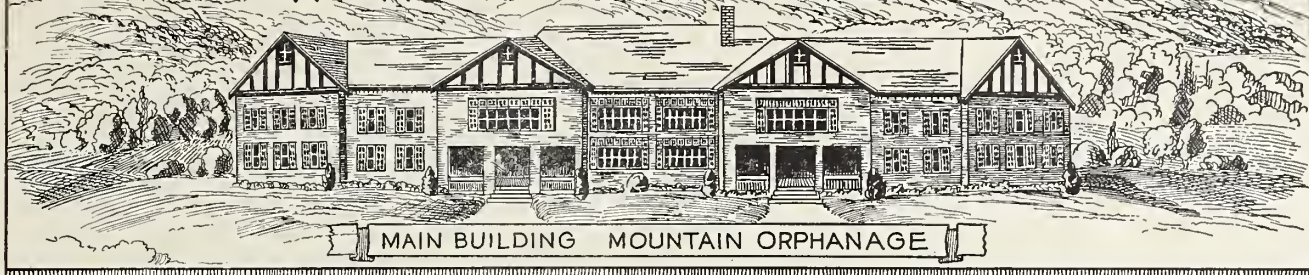
Note: Six Churches made no report of any Church School, six Churches reported one Outpost School each.

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| Contributions | | |
| Foreign Missions | \$ 7,320.00 | |
| Assembly's Home Missions | 5,613.00 | |
| Christian Education & Ministerial Relief | 2,661.00 | |
| Religious Education (Assembly) | 617.00 | |
| Assembly's Training School | 749.00 | |
| Bible Cause | 116.00 | |
| Synod's Home Missions | 228.00 | |
| Religious Education (Synod) | 262.00 | |
| Mountain Orphanage | 6,111.00 | |
| *Educational Institutions | 4,702.00 | |
| Presbytery's Home Missions | 5,545.00 | |
| Congregational Home Missions | 298.00 | |
| Total Benevolences | \$ 34,222.00 | |
| Pastors' Salaries | \$34,054.00 | |
| Current Expenses | 38,394.00 | |
| Building Debts & New Work | 12,842.00 | |
| Total Local Expenses | 85,290.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Contributions | 4,448.00 | |
| Grand Total All Disbursements | \$123,960.00 | |

*Includes gifts to King College, Montreat College, Union and Louisville Seminaries.

OUR MOUNTAIN WORK

• IN ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY •



MAIN BUILDING MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Volume VI.

WEAVERVILLE, N. C., MAY, 1943.

Number 5.

Notes From Mountain Orphanage

These notes should really be an ode to Spring.

We welcome the beautiful warm days after weathering so many wintry blasts. Bravely the lilacs and spirea and other early flowers have put forth their blossoms, only to be cut down and withered by the icy winds and frost. The apples, however, and a few cherries seem to have survived and soon the dietitian will be missing all the salt cellars from the dining-room, because the children begin to eat the apples with salt very soon after the bloom has fallen. Thus far, too, our prospect for strawberries is good and these will be welcomed as we have not had any for several years. Mr. Griffin planted the gardens in the early warm days of February and March, but everything is very slow in coming up.

Easter was very lovely here and friends thought of our children and made the season happy for them. Two egg hunts were given for the younger groups, and "Bunny" was here with his usual contribution of sugar, cereals, soaps and other much needed staples.

It always thrills us to know that the Assembly is going to meet at Montreat. We are greatly privileged to live in a community where there are so many religious conferences.

It has been suggested that some copies of our Mountain Work be distributed at the meeting of the Assembly. It is true that all the commissioners have their own regional orphanages which claim their interest and support, nevertheless we hope that some of them may find time to visit our Mountain Orphanage, founded by Dr. R. P. Smith who has many friends throughout the Church. Like a city on a hill it cannot be hid and those who find their way here will receive a welcome.

For the benefit of any who do not already know, the Orphanage family attend church at Black Mountain, N. C., and the Rev. Leland N. Edmunds is the beloved pastor. It is good to be back in the Wednesday evening prayer services at the church after being absent during the winter months.

The dietitian celebrates the children's birthdays by having a special dinner for those who have had a birthday within a given period. The

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COMING EVENTS IN ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

General Assembly At Montreat May Twenty-Seventh

Special Program on Tercentenary of the Westminster Assembly, Montreat, Monday evening, May 31. Addresses: "The Story Of The Westminster Assembly," Rev. W. L. Lingle, D.D.; "The Contribution Of The Westminster Assembly To Democracy," Rev. J. McD. Richards, D.D.; "The Contribution Of The Westminster Assembly To Christian Thought," Rev. J. N. Thomas, D.D.

Daily Vacation Bible School at Bryson City, May 31st to June 11th.

Young People's Conferences, Montreat, June 14th to 19th.

Presbyterian Ministers of Buncombe County, Montreat, June 15, 1:00 P.M. Luncheon meeting.



REV. R. P. SMITH, D.D.
1851-1936

Founder Of Mountain Orphanage

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Y. P. Conferences

The Annual Conference for Young People of Asheville Presbytery will be held at Montreat from June 14-19, 1943, under the auspices of the Religious Education Committee, of which Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., is chairman.

Young people from 12 years of age through college age are invited. The total cost of registration, board, etc., will be \$7.00.

The first meal will be supper, June 14. The last, lunch, Saturday, the 19th. Bring Bible, notebook, musical instruments, kodak, sheets, pillowcase, towels, blankets, etc.

Rev. P. N. Gresham will have charge of the Intermediates, ages 12-14. Rev. C. G. Davis, Th.D., will have charge of the Young People, age 15 through college.

For further information contact either of these leaders. They have furnished Our Mountain Work an outline of the classes and conference plans being made for this year.

Each Church should plan to send an earnest group of young people. Each pastor is asked to meet with the group from his Church and prepare them for the conference by emphasizing its purpose and program, and by leading the group to consecrate their best efforts to make the conference the finest ever held.

THE INTERMEDIATE CONFERENCE

Inspirational Addresses, Rev. C. Grier Davis; Morning Devotions, Rev. R. E. McClure; Pianist; Music Director; Recreation, Rev. M. R. Williams, Mr. W. P. Baldwin; Adult Advisers for Girls; Adult Advisers for Boys, Mr. W. P. Baldwin, Mr. John McLeod.

GROUP 1

First Year Ages 12

8:45 - 9:30 a. m., How To Use The Bible, Rev. Leland Edmunds.

9:45 - 10:35 a. m., Church Membership, Rev. P. N. Gresham.

10:45 - 11:35, Stewardship, Rev. Clyde Plexico.

GROUP 2

Second Year Age 13

8:45-9:45 a. m., Jesus Who Lived Among Men, Rev. M. R. Williamson.

9:45 - 10:35 a. m., Bible Geography, Mrs. P. N. Gresham.

10:45 - 11:35 a. m., Pathways To

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"THANK YOU"

The Executive Secretary wishes to express a grateful "Thank you," for the cordial reception received throughout the presbytery. Getting acquainted is our first task—and, with the fine folk in our churches, that is not a hard task.

In our first trip around the central part of the eleven counties approximately one-third of the churches were contacted. It was gratifying to note that all but one of these has a bulletin board or sign telling visitors the name of the church. First impressions are lasting and a stranger in a community is impressed by the welcome he gets to the church there.

Already the work is shaping up and giving signs of healthy activity. Asheville Presbytery affords many challenging opportunities. We must work together for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in the growth of His Church within our bounds.

DEFENSE SERVICE COUNCIL

It is too early to give a full report on gifts to the Defense Service Council. The date for the offering was May 9th but many churches found it necessary to postpone taking this offering.

Church treasurers are requested to forward this special contribution as promptly as possible to the Treasurer of this Presbytery. It will be remitted to the Assembly's Treasurer to the credit of the church, organization or individual giving same.

PUBLICATION DATE

An earnest effort will be made to make the fifteenth the day of publication each month. That means that all material must be in the printer's hands by the tenth. If the editor receives it earlier than the tenth it will help greatly. Thank you.

DR. DAVIS

Congratulations to the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville. Dr. C. Grier Davis received the degree of Doctor of Theology at the recent commencement exercises at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. on May 11, 1943.

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God, Mr. W. P. Baldwin.

GROUP 3

Third Year Age 14

8:45 - 9:35 a. m., Book of Philipians, Rev. P. N. Gresham.

9:45 - 10:35 a. m., The Twelve Apostles, Rev. Leland Edmunds.

10:45 - 11:35 a. m., Missions, Rev. George Hammond.

Night's Doings and Assembly Periods.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Director—Rev. C. Grier Davis

Inspirational Addresses: Rev. C. Grier Davis.

Morning Devotions: Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Pianist: Zunita Wakefield.

Recreational Leader: Rev. Chas. M. Robinson, Jr.

Adult Advisers: Girls—Miss Katharine Goodman and Mrs. H. B. Dendy. Boys—Don Williams and Robert Schwanebeck, and Rev. D. R. Freeman.

GROUP NUMBER 1

8:45-9:45 A.M.—"How We Got Our Bible." Taught by Rev. Ashby Johnson.

9:45-10:35 A.M.—"What Presbyterians Believe." Taught by Rev. R. E. McClure.

GROUP NUMBER 2

8:45-9:35 A.M.—"Epistle To Hebrews." Taught by Rev. J. M. McClesney.

9:45-10:35 A.M.—"Home Missions." Taught by Rev. Chas. M. Robinson, Jr.

GROUP NUMBER 3

8:45-9:35 A.M.—"The Acts Of The Apostles." Taught by Rev. T. A. Painter.

9:45-10:35 A.M.—"Evangelism." Taught by Rev. H. B. Dendy.

Electives For All Groups

10:45-11:35 A.M.—"My Responsibility To My Church." Taught by Rev. J. Clyde Plexico.

"Choosing My Life's Work." Taught by Rev. Ashby Johnson.

"Christian Friendship And Marriage." Taught by Rev. C. Grier Davis.

ASHEVILLE YOUNG PEOPLE

The Spring Rally of the Presbyterian Young People's League of Asheville Presbytery was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, on April 26th.

An inspirational and conference program was arranged. Officers were elected for 1943-1944. The officers for the year are:

President: Dorothy Richeson, Waynesville.

Vice-President: Sara Reid, Asheville.

Secretary: Frances McLeod, West Asheville.

Treasurer: Pat Reese, Hendersonville.

Historian: Dabney Adams, Asheville.

These elected officers will appoint the seven Highway Chairmen at the Young People's Conference at Montreat.

Help us make "Coming Events" a regular feature of OUR MOUNTAIN WORK. Send in announcements of Coming Events in your field that will have general interest throughout the Presbytery. We will be glad to announce dates for Daily Vacation Bible Schools, special services with name of visiting minister, etc.

Just TWO simple rules. Have announcement in the editor's office not later than the tenth of the month. Make it brief and include only those events scheduled between the fifteenth of the current month and the last of the month following.

If YOU vote to continue this feature with your notices then watch this space next month.

ORPHANAGE NOTES

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honorees have a table to themselves and are served an extra good meal with the indispensable ice-cream and cake.

Someone has suggested that the names and home addresses of our workers be published in this May issue in order that friends coming from different parts of the church may find them if they have an opportunity.

The Superintendent and his wife have lived in this vicinity since 1912, spending five years of that time in Raleigh, he as Superintendent of Home Missions in Granville Presbytery.

Mr. William J. Griffin, superintendent of the farm, is from Spartanburg, S. C., and Mrs. Griffin from Monroe, Ga.

Miss Evelyn J. Roberts comes from Asheville, also from Montreat College and Maryville College, Tennessee.

Miss Ina B. Cooke of Winston-Salem has been a volunteer worker for several years, spending her winters with us and the summers at Montreat working at the Historical Foundation.

Miss Eunice M. Long of Greensboro, N. C. has been with us more than a year and proving her worth in a number of ways.

Our most recent addition to the staff is Mrs. Marion C. Smith of Bishopville, S. C., whose work as boys' matron is a valuable contribution to the life of the home.

It seems too good to be true, but unless something unforeseen occurs to prevent, we expect to have with us for six weeks in summer Bible School, a former matron, Miss Mary Currell, now teacher of Bible in the Lunchburg, Va. Presbyterian Orphanage, and her sister Miss Susan Currell, now detained in this country on account of the war and waiting to return to her work in Japan. These teachers always come as volunteers and in the past years we have had some fine Christian workers with us, devoted to the instruction.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY

The Home Missions Committee submits the following report:

There were approximately six meetings of the Mountain Orphanage and Home Mission Committees.

Twelve issues of Our Mountain Work were edited and mailed to over two thousand families and individuals at a cost of \$544.75.

Approximately 2,810 pieces of mail went out from the Acting Treasurer's Office, an average of seven per day.

The sum of \$13,328.81 was collected through our office, over and above the regular benevolent budget of Presbytery:

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| Presbytery's Missions | \$ 6,941.57 |
| Foreign Missions | 801.60 |
| Mountain Orphanage | 2,655.28 |
| Bequests -- Interests | 2,043.65 |
| L. Terry -- Interests | 245.63 |
| Builders' League | 5.78 |
| Rent | 24.75 |
| R. P. Smith -- Interests and Gifts | 783.40 |
| Maxwell Farm | 100.00 |
| J. C. Kinloch -- Interests | 186.00 |
| Protestant Relief | 10.00 |
| Foster-Lewis -- Interests | 10.50 |
| Special Educational Fund | 50.00 |
| Dunham Annuity -- Interests | 70.00 |
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| | \$13,928.81 |

EXPENSES

Office:

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| Auditor | \$ 100.00 |
| Deposit Box | 6.00 |
| Secretary (one-half) | 407.77 |
| Room Rent | 150.00 |
| Bank Charges | 1.63 |
| Telephone | 64.23 |
| Postage and Stationery | 60.60 |
| Treasurer's Bond | 30.00 |
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| | \$ 820.23 |

Other:

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| Supt. (2½ mos.) | \$ 902.61 |
| Acting Treas. (9 mos.) | 1,040.00 |
| Our Mountain Work | 544.75 |
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| | 2,487.35 |

Total Operating Expense \$ 3,307.59

Allocated for Operation of Office:

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Home Miss. Exec. Com. | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Benevolent Causes | 600.00 |
| Mountain Orphanage | 450.00 |
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| | 2,250.00 |

Cost of Operation of Office to Presbytery's Missions \$ 1,057.59

PRESBYTERY'S MISSIONS

Total receipts for this cause were \$13,336.73, of which a substantial amount was received from the Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions. \$1,431.00 of this amount is from the Home Mission Emergency Fund, to be used for new work. All expenses were met, and the bank loan was paid off. There is a surplus to begin the new year.

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

The total receipts were \$16,608.24 for operating expenses, with disbursements of \$14,359.73. The operating deficit from last year of \$613.00 has been repaid, and we begin the new year with a surplus.

THE R. P. SMITH MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

During the past year this fund has received in interest and gifts \$710.59, and now shows a net cash sum of \$9,273.79.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a budget of \$13,500.00 be approved for Presbytery's Missions.
2. That a budget of \$13,500.00 be approved for Mountain Orphanage.
3. This being a period of transition, we recommend that appropriations be left in the hands of the Home Missions Committee to adjust with each field.

In addition, that the 7½% M. A. Payments and Victory Tax be met on each of these appropriations.

4. That Sunday, June 27, be designated as Home Mission Day in the Presbytery, at which time a special offering be taken for Presbytery's Missions.

5. That the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the Home Mission Council and the Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions for their liberal appropriation out of the Home Mission Emergency Fund.

6. That the Presbytery express its satisfaction at the election of Rev. R. E. McClure as Executive Secretary, and his acceptance of that office, and commends him to the loyal support and co-operation of all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. Campbell, Chairman.

ORPHANAGE NOTES

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tion of our young people.

Every month we will report any visits from our boys in the service. We are proud of their records. Several are officers, and as far as we know every one is acquitting himself as a man. It seems a very short time ago since Woodrow Blythe was a youngster of thirteen. He called recently, now an army veteran. He is a sergeant, twenty-seven years old, and has seen sea service as well as land, in many parts of the world. Calvin Killian on furlough from Toecoa, Ga. was here to pay his respects and express his appreciation of the Orphanage. Letters have been received from Lieut. Fred Snyder, stationed at Reno, Nevada. He is in line for another promotion. Such good letters they all write when they can. It has been long since we have heard from two in the Pacific and one in Africa.

It is a comfort to know that our boys know where to turn in the hours of loneliness and danger. One said not long ago when being questioned about his faith, "Well, I think if we do not have Christ we are no better than the people we are fighting."

That the boys and girls who have been cared for here have had an opportunity to see the Light and know the Truth is sufficient reason for putting into the work all our best efforts. —M.P.G.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is meeting this year within the bounds of Asheville Presbytery. **Our Mountain Work** extends a cordial invitation to all Commissioners to learn more about the activities of our church in this Presbytery.

Commissioners will want to visit the Mountain Orphanage, located about two miles west of Black Mountain on the Asheville highway. Churches of the Presbytery will welcome any who find time to visit. The office of the Executive Secretary, 409 Wachovia Bldg, Asheville, is open from 10 A. M. - 3 P. M., and will be glad to assist you in any way.

Y. P. CONFERENCE

Asheville Presbytery's leaders in 1950-1960 will be found in conference at Montreat from June 14-19. They are already leaders in their phase of the present work, and are seriously facing world problems of young people today.

No program of the church has produced more lasting results than that which provides these annual gatherings of young people for Christian fellowship and individual training. Every church should seriously consider sending their eligible young people to Montreat for these days together.

Details are to be found in other pages of **Our Mountain Work**. We can think of no finer way of building for the future than dedicating space in this issue to our fine young folks.

NOTES FOR AUXILIARIES

June Program

Presbytery's Home Mission Committee will sponsor four summer workers in as many fields. These young men who are seminary students will assist in Daily Vacation Bible School work and other forms of service.

They will work under Dr. C. Grier Davis, Rev. J. C. Plexico, Rev. P. N. Gresham, Rev. H. B. Dendy, and Rev. C. M. Robinson. A full account of their work will appear in later issues.

One new Church has been added to the rolls of Asheville Presbytery. Brittain's Cove Church, near Weaverville, was formerly connected with French Broad Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Correspondence is in progress to secure a pastor for a new field comprising the Andrews and Robbinsville Churches. The new field will relieve Rev. H. L. Paisley, D.D., at Andrews, and Rev. C. M. Robinson, at Bryson City, for more intensive work. Each is now serving three congregations.

Home Missions in our Presbytery means the Mountain Orphanage as well. Information about this institution is carried elsewhere.

The varied interests of Home Missions in Asheville Presbytery are reflected in the annual report to Presbytery. The report of the chairman, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., is given in this issue.

The Auxiliary Program in June should by all means include a season of intercessory prayer for God's guidance and blessing on His work committed to our stewardship.

Mrs. R. T. Faucette has a helpful page in the May issue of The Southern Presbyterian Journal for the June meeting. She refers to a leaflet by Dr. Claude Prichard, "The New Challenge of Synod's and Presbytery's Home Missions." (Order this leaflet from Committee on Woman's Work, Henry Grady Building, Atlanta, Ga., or from 409 Wachovia Building, Asheville, N. C.)

INSTITUTE FOR WORKERS
IN D. V. B. SCHOOLS

Echoes of plans for Daily Vacation Bible Schools in various parts of the Presbytery are being heard. Four young men from our theological seminaries will work in as many fields, giving a large part of their time to these schools.

The success of the schools will lie largely in the active work of volunteers in the local congregations and communities. There will be scores of helpers, without whom effective schools would be impossible.

An invitation has just come from the Synod's Director of Religious Education, Rev. James M. Carr, that should prove of value to all who

can avail themselves of the opportunities offered.

Mr. Carr announces two Vacation Bible School Institutes for workers in local churches. Miss Atha Bowman, director of the children's division of our Richmond office is to be the leader. The approved courses to be studied are:

Beginners, "Jesus Our Friend".
Primaries, "Stories of Jesus."
Juniors, "We Would See Jesus."
Intermediates, "Jesus, Hero of History".

Our institutes will be held at Sullins College, Bristol, Va., Monday through Wednesday, June 7-, and cost "should not be more than \$4.00" for lodging and meals. Bring your own bed linen and cover.

Another institute is planned for Sweetwater, Tenn., from June 9-11. Details have not yet been worked out. One worker from each church is offered room and board at Bristol. At Sweetwater room and board will be provided for all who attend from any church.

Further information may be secured by writing Rev. James M. Carr, 1806 Rose Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn.

AT MONTREAT

Presbyterians from all over the Assembly will be turning toward Asheville Presbytery during July and August. Montreat will be the attraction. The conferences there afford opportunity for enlarging knowledge of and interest in the work of the Church.

Presbyterians of Asheville Presbytery will find inspiration and instruction for their church work by attending these conferences. Find the group that best meets your needs and make your plans to share in the privileges afforded at Montreat.

Conference on Christian Education
and Ministerial Relief,Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the
Presbyterian Educational Association
of the South, andThe Thirtieth Annual Conference of
the General Assembly's Advisory
Committee on Christian Education,

Thursday, July 1, to noon Tuesday, July 6, 1943.

(For information write to Rev. H. H. Sweets, 410 Urban Building, Louisville, Ky.)

The Woman's Auxiliary Training
School,

July 7-14, 1943.

Directors of Religious Education,
July 16-19.Bible Society Day,
July 19.Montreat Leadership School,
July 20-29.

(For information write Dr. P. H. Carmichael, Presbyterian Building, Richmond, Va.)

The Sixth Annual Sunday School
Superintendents' Conference,
Presbyterian Church, U. S.

July 23-24-25.

(For further information, write Dr. Carmichael.)

Assembly's Y. P. Leadership School,

July 29 - Aug. 5.

Home Missions Conference,
Aug. 8-11.

(For information, write Dr. C. H. Pritchard, 573 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Ga.)

Foreign Missions Conference,
Aug. 12-18.

(For information, write Dr. Kerr Taylor, Box 330, Nashville, Tenn.)

The Bible Conference,
Aug. 19-29.Defense Service Council,
Aug. 21.Ministers' Wives' Forum,
Aug. 23-27.The Music,
Mr. James R. Sydnor, July.Summer Music Festival,
Aug. 21.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Self-Denial Offering

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Previously reported | \$2,029.75 |
| Canton S. S. | 6.10 |
| Kenilworth Church | 1.15 |
| Red Oak Church | 6.00 |
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| | \$2,043.00 |

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Special Gifts

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Hendersonville Church | \$ 5.00 |
| Black Mountain Church | 6.00 |
| Black Mountain S. S. | 10.00 |
| Black Mountain W. Aux. | 63.30 |
| Asheville 1st Church | 45.00 |

MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Church Specials

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| Asheville First Men's Cl. | \$50.00 |
| Dillingham Church | 6.57 |
| Ivy Park Church | 8.00 |
| Asheville 1st Women's B. C. | 20.00 |
| W. Aux. Bryson City | 20.50 |
| Brevard S. S. | 5.00 |
| Fellowship Bible Class | 5.00 |
| Montreat Y. P. S. | 5.00 |
| Hendersonville Men's Class .. | 30.00 |

Individual Gifts

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|--------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. Janie Bailie | \$ 7.00 |
| Dr. P. R. Bennett | 5.00 |
| Western Friend | 30.00 |
| R. S. Echols | 5.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Frank Townsend .. | 5.00 |
| Mrs. C. W. Edwards | 20.00 |
| A Friend | 15.00 |
| Mrs. C. W. Alexander | 15.00 |

KING COLLEGE DEBT

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| Brevard Church | \$82.00 |
| Hendersonville Church | 25.00 |

King College Debt

Campaign

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Asheville First Church | \$ 270.62 |
| Brevard Church | 82.00 |
| (Paid in full) | |
| West Asheville Church | 176.00 |
| (Paid in full) | |
| Hendersonville Church | 25.00 |

King College Debt

Interest

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Asheville First Church | \$ 229.38 |
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Assembly's Home Mission

Emergency Fund

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Previously Reported | \$2,952.11 |
| Wom. Aux. Ashe. First.... | 75.00 |
| Hazelwood Church | 10.00 |
| Ivy Park | 8.13 |
| Dillingham | 6.61 |
| Kenilworth Church | 525.00 |
| Individual | 9.00 |

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| | \$3,581.85 |
| Quota | \$3,022.50 |

Over the Quota \$ 563.35

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A LAYMAN VIEWS THE ASSEMBLY

Montreat Meeting 1943

By Dr. L. Nelson Bell

The spirit prevailing at the Eighty-Third General Assembly was good. There were men present representing widely divergent views, men who hold the strongest kind of convictions on both sides of controversial problems. At the same time, it seemed that the outstanding characteristic of the Assembly was one of restraint of speech and action.

The opening sermon, preached by Chaplain Ben. L. Rose, son of Judge Charles G. Rose, the retiring Moderator, was splendid. It warmed one's heart and at the same time brought afresh a sense of our national danger and the way out through the humbling of ourselves before God.

Dr. Donald Richardson made an excellent Moderator. He was fair and gracious throughout and made parliamentary law and procedure the servant of the Assembly, not the master. As a result at no time was there any tension of repression, a feeling that debate was being limited or that a measure was being pushed through without adequate discussion. Participation in debate, or not, rested solely with the individual commissioners and it is doubtful if any felt at any time that they had not had the privilege of saying all they wished to say on a subject. This does not mean that all which was said in the Standing Committees was again said on the floor of the Assembly. This did not always seem wise or necessary and the point of this paragraph is simply to state that in our Moderator we had a man eminently fair and courteous at all times to all present.

Politics

It is inevitable that pre-assembly discussions of various potential personalities for the moderatorship should occur. At the same time one did not sense that this was present in an objectionable degree. Nor were there any "candidates" for this honor. The nominations were the result of a desire on the part of friends that some outstanding man of their acquaintance be placed before the Assembly as one worthy of election. Any of the four men nominated would have been an honor to our Church.

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MODERATOR



Rev. Donald W. Richardson, D.D., formerly Missionary to China, member of faculty of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., Chairman of Assembly's Committee on Evangelism last year, a member of Asheville Presbytery, was elected Moderator of the General Assembly, meeting at Montreat, May 27, 1943.

SALLY CAMPBELL CAMP

The Sally Campbell Camp at Montreat will be open this summer for two-week periods, free of charge to ministers of Asheville Presbytery and their families. Also to delegates to the conferences from these churches and their Auxiliaries. For all other guests, three dollars a week or fifty cents a night will be charged. No meals can be prepared or served in the camp. Meals can be had at the cafeteria at reasonable rates. Please make reservations one week in advance. The Camp Committee is fortunate in having Mrs. R. D. Bedinger as hostess.

The camp opens for the season on July 1st. For reservations write: Mrs. Bedinger, 48 St. Dunstan's Road, Asheville, N. C.

SUMMER WORKERS IN PRESBYTERY

Five Seminary Students

W. P. Baldwin

Mr. Baldwin, a native of Columbia, S. C., who has had two years at Union Theological Seminary, is assisting Rev. P. N. Gresham. His work will be primarily at Arden, and will be in the field for the full summer.

W. K. Fitch, Jr.

Mr. Fitch comes from Richmond, Va. He is a graduate of Austin College, Sherman, Tex., and has finished one year's work at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. He is assisting Rev. J. C. Plexico in Outpost Sunday School work, under the care of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church. He will be in the Presbytery for the full three months.

Donald Williams

Mr. Williams, a student at Columbia Seminary, is in the Presbytery assisting Dr. H. B. Dendy in his work in and around Weaverville. Mr. Williams will preach in the Brittain's Cove Church, and assist in other outpost work.

Robert Schwanebeck

Mr. Schwanebeck comes from Savannah, Ga. He is a graduate of Presbyterian College, Pinkney, S. C., has completed one year at Columbia Seminary. Mr. Schwanebeck is assisting Rev. C. M. Robinson, at Bryson City and Sylva. His principal work will be at Sylva, giving that community regular services every Sunday.

John MacLeod

Mr. MacLeod is a native of Aberdeen, N. C. He was graduated from Davidson College, and has completed one year at Union Theological Seminary. He is at work under the care of Dr. C. Grier Davis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and the Session of that Church. Mr. MacLeod will work in a newly organized Outpost Sunday School, and will help make surveys in two communities near Asheville, where outposts are to be established, if possible.

The first four of these young men are working with the local pastors, but sponsored by the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. Mr. MacLeod is sponsored entirely by the First Presbyterian Church. All of (Continued on Page 2)

Our Mountain Work

(IN ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY)

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Notes From Mountain Orphanage

The earth turns, a few short months, and here again is June with all its leafy, fragrant beauty.

Honeysuckle and roses riot over the fences filling the air with their perfume, and the air is vocal with the songs of birds and the anxious cry of little feathered mothers whose fledgelings have become unmanageable.

It is the same everywhere, this anxiety about our "fledgelings." Here the problems are multiplied. Why is so-and-so restless and wanting to leave? Why can't he become adjusted to his environment? Too soon, like these young robins, he may be trying to get out of his nest and may, like Humpty-Dumpty, have a great fall. The delicate problems of the adolescent are ever present and workers in an Orphanage need all the help and wisdom and guidance they can get for everyday living.

We are glad that some of our young people are to have the privilege of attending Conference at Montreat. This always brings spiritual help and inspiration to those who attend. We think it very sweet of two of this year's graduates who are now working to send seven dollars each that two girls may go.

Strawberry season is just over and the children have had a busy time picking. Strawberries with real cream have been served once or twice a day for three weeks. Lack of rain cut short the crop to some extent, but 114 quarts of jam were made and two hundred dollars' worth sold. Peas and onions are coming in well and we are having a well-balanced diet. There will be a few cherries if the birds don't get them before they are ripe.

For several years the sale of milk cows and the raising of beef cattle for home consumption has proved very profitable. This has been made possible largely by the newly developed pasture. The desirability of a cow barn has been evident some time and now that an interested

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WELCOME



Brittain's Cove Presbyterian Church, at Dula Springs, near Weaverville, enrolled at the spring meeting of Asheville Presbytery, formerly in French Broad Presbytery, U.S.A., and transferred recently from Holston Presbytery, U.S.A., which now includes French Broad.

The Brittain's Cove Presbyterian Church, R.F.D., Weaverville, N. C., was received into Asheville Presbytery from Holston Presbytery, U.S.A., at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery. This Church now has a membership of forty-eight. At their request, Presbytery appointed Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., Pastor of the Weaverville Presbyterian Church, to serve as Stated Supply. Mr. Donald Williams, of Columbia Theological Seminary, is assisting Dr. Dendy in the North Buncombe Field this summer. Mr. Williams will help with the Sunday School and will preach at Brittain's Cove Church each Sunday morning. A week-night service is being held there on Thursday evenings. The Women of the Church meet for Bible Study twice a month, on Friday afternoons, with Mrs. H. B. Dendy teaching this class. A Special Evangelistic Service is planned for this summer, with Dr. Dendy and Mr. Williams doing the preaching.

The Brittain's Cove Church was started as a Mission in the early 1890s, and the present building erected in 1895. The building was erected as a Memorial to Rev. W. H. Goodrich, D.D., who was at the time of his death in 1874 Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church (Oldstone Church) of Cleveland, Ohio. The money was given by his friend in Cleveland and the work was done by the people of the Brittain's Cove Community. The daughter of Dr. Goodrich, Miss Frances L. Goodrich, now living at 89 Victoria Road, Asheville, N. C., was at that time doing mission work in the Cove. She was instrumental in the building of a Teacherage and a Library Building there also. The U.S.A. Board conducted a Mission School there until the development of our State School System made this unnecessary.

The Mission was organized into a Church on March 10, 1900. Rev. W. M. Elliott, D.D., Sr. (now S. S. of Presbyterian Church, U. S., of Saluda, N. C.) was the first Pastor. In 1901 he was succeeded by Rev. T. Allen Stancliff, of Ashtabula, Ohio. He served the Church as Pastor until Oct. 1, 1904. The Rev. H. M. Boyd then supplied the Church until the arrival of the new Pastor, Rev. Albert Reid, on Dec. 1, 1905. In 1908 Rev. H. P. Sanders became the Pastor, serving until 1910. In 1915 Rev. J. H. Gruver, now Superintendent of our Mountain Orphanage in Asheville Presbytery, became the Pastor and served until 1920. Rev. Geo. B. Lewis served for 1922-23, after which Rev. W. M. Hyde, Jr., now Pastor of Reems Creek Church, U.S.A., R.F.D., Weaverville, served until 1926. Rev. W. E. Finley, D.D., now of Hot Springs, N. C., served 1926-27. From 1928 to 1932 Rev. W. M. Hyde again served the Church in connection with his Reems Creek pastorate. After this time the Church was put under the care of the Pastor of the Oakland Heights Church of Asheville and the faculty of the Asheville Normal School. Under this arrangement the Church was served by Rev. W. McKim, 1933-1937. Then Rev. Frank Foster "was made Moderator of the Session" in January, 1938, by French Broad Presbytery. He served in this capacity and preached for them, together with Rev. William Keys and other members of the Asheville College Faculty, until the congregation asked that they be transferred to Asheville Presbytery, U. S., and be placed under the pastoral supervision of Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., Pastor of the Weaverville Presbyterian Church.

SUMMER WORKERS IN PRESBYTERY

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these workers will be engaged in Daily Vacation Bible Schools in their respective fields.

Asheville Presbytery is fortunate to have them at work within her bounds, and extends to them a cordial welcome, and offers them the prayers and best wishes for a successful summer.

Rev. James T. Gillespie, Ph.D., Professor of Bible at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., is supplying a pulpit in the Franklin and Morrison Churches during the month of June. Word from the field expressing appreciation for Dr. Gillespie's ministry has been received. He is no stranger to the Presbytery, having served in other points in times past.

A LAYMAN VIEWS

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Organization

One could not witness a meeting of the General Assembly without realizing afresh the debt which our Nation owes to Presbyterianism. In such a meeting one sees the processes of orderly democratic procedure carried out and realizes that where failures occur they come from the failures of man and not the system of which they are a part.

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AUXILIARY

News of local Auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. Preston P. (Lillian B.) Thomas, 277 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

The editor has kindly offered the Asheville Presbyterian Auxiliary a column in this paper. We are especially grateful for this courtesy since much work must necessarily be done now through the mail and the press. We will endeavor to fill our column with worthwhile material.

June and July are training months.

The first on schedule is the Christian Conference for Negro Women at Knoxville, Tenn., June 21-26. The programs are designed to be informational and inspirational and to help delegates become more efficient leaders in their church work as well as to inspire them to greater heights in Christian living. There will be classes in Religious Education, Bible and Christian Social Service, Forums and periods of directed prayer. Expenses will be \$8.00 plus transportation. This covers room, board, registration and incidentals. Each delegate will bring Bible, thimble, scissors and towels. For further information address: Mrs. T. S. Pressly, 1421 Hamilton Bank Building, Knoxville, Tenn.

The Woman's Auxiliary Training School will be held at Montreat July 7-14. Credit classes in Bible, Missions, Methods, Parliamentary Law and Personal Witnessing will be offered. The Platform Bible Hour will be under the leadership of Rev. George Manford Gutzke, professor at Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Ga. Other teachers and speakers will be: Miss Lucy Steele, Mrs. S. H. Askew, Mrs. Alexander Maitland, Mrs. Dan. B. King, Dr. and Mrs. Kerr Taylor, Dr. Franklin D. Cogswell, Dr. Wade H. Dubose, Dr. J. L. Fairly, Mrs. Narcissa T. Shawhan, Mrs. Ben Knox, and missionaries from the field.

The Asheville First Church has made available the Sally Campbell Camp to all delegates in Asheville Presbyterian Auxiliary free of charge. (See notice in another part of this paper.) All visitors will pay a fee of 50 cents per day with a stay limited to two weeks. Mrs. R. D. Bedinger has been drafted as hostess for this year. We do hope many delegates will avail themselves of this privilege during the Woman's Training School.

Calling All Treasurers

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held on the evening of July 8, at which time the amount of the 1943 Birthday Offering for Christian Literature for our Mexican Mission will be announced. Please see that your Birthday Offering is in the hands of Mrs. Ed. P. White, 74 Furman Avenue, Asheville, by June 18. Asheville Presbyterian Auxiliary for several years has been 100 percent at the Annual Meeting at Montreat. Do not wait until the entire offering is in your hands. Send a check for the amount

NOTES FROM MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

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friend has provided the lumber the project is about to materialize. Work on the building will soon begin. This will be a great help in protecting the herd in the winter and will keep the milk supply up to standard.

Arrangements have been made with the Rationing Board to have a thousand pounds of our friend "Bunny's" Easter sugar delivered for immediate canning and preserving needs. A small canning outfit has been of great value, and now that there seems to be no possibility of our buying supplies in the market, we shall be entirely dependent for canned goods upon our own production and gifts from the churches. We are furnishing some sugar to several church groups who have been most helpful in canning for us. In the circumstances they cannot give of their own supply as they did formerly.

A gentle rain is falling at the opportune time to set out two thousand sweet potato plants. A month ago the same number of tomatoes were planted under the same conditions and are growing finely.

To the dentists of Asheville, and to Dr. Marshburn, of Black Mountain, we owe a great debt of appreciation for all they have done in caring for the teeth of our children through the years. The writer remembers the sinking feeling that overwhelmed her when as a child she was informed of a prospective visit to the dentist. Perhaps these children are less nervous and better behaved, for there is no such attitude in any of them toward this experience, but the dentists themselves know so well how to take care of each personality that these periodic visits are looked forward to as pleasurable occasions and are entirely free from the usual dread of pain. We want the doctors to know how truly grateful we are for their kindness and skill.

We are doing our best to keep well and not break any bones, for we do not want to add anything to the burdens of our overworked doctors. Our dentists in Asheville are: Drs. Sinclair, Hooper, Hunt, McFalls, Davis, Little, Smathers, Aiken, Weaver, May, Moss, and Clarke.

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, of Swannanoa, and Dr. Anthony, of Black Mountain, take care of the medical work which Dr. Hubert Clapp, Dr. Eugene Knoefel and Dr. S. S. Cooley did before they enlisted in the Army. —M.P.G.

you have on hand. Any offering you send will put your Auxiliary on the Honor Roll and other amounts may be sent later.

Please remember your Presbyterian Auxiliary President is at your service. Feel perfectly free to call upon me at any time when any help is needed.

Lillian B. Thomas,
Pres. Woman's Auxiliary,
Asheville Presbytery.

YOUNG PEOPLE

News of local Leagues should be sent to Miss Dabney Adams, 324 Westover Drive, Asheville, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

The Annual Conference of the Young People of Asheville Presbytery opened at Montreat, N. C., on Monday evening, June 14th, at 7:45 o'clock. Seventy-three are enrolled in the Young People's Conference and ninety-five in the Intermediate Conference.

Rev. C. Grier Davis, D.D., is directing the Y. P. Conference and Rev. Paul Nesbitt Gresham the Intermediates. Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., Chairman of the Religious Education Committee of Asheville Presbytery, has charge of morning devotions for the Y. P., and Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of Asheville Presbytery, has the morning devotions for the Intermediates. Rev. C. Grier Davis, D.D., has the Vesper Services for the combined groups.

The theme of the Conference for this year is "Facing Today With The Living Christ."

Teachers and counsellors for the Young People's Group are: Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., Rev. C. Grier Davis, D.D., Mrs. H. B. Dendy, Mrs. J. A. Flanagan, Rev. D. Frank Freeman, W. K. Fitch, Miss Katherine Goodman, Rev. R. E. McClure, Rev. Clyde Plexico, R. G. Schwanebeck, Miss Zunita Wakefield, and Donald Williams.

Teachers and counsellors for the Intermediate Conference are: Rev. and Mrs. P. N. Gresham, Mrs. W. H. McMurray, Mrs. James Haley, W. P. Baldwin, Jr., John McLeod, Rev. Leland Edmunds, Rev. M. R. Williamson, Rev. W. Hoyt Wakefield, and Miss Frances McClure.

Mothers' Day Offering
Defense Service Council

Is Your Church Listed?

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Andrews Church | \$ 10.00 |
| Black Mountain Church | 50.00 |
| Bryson City Church | 13.86 |
| Canton Church | 16.19 |
| Dillingham Church | 9.00 |
| Etowah Church | 8.00 |
| Hayesville Church | 2.00 |
| Hendersonville Church | 162.53 |
| Highlands Church | |
| (Individual \$5.00) | 18.13 |
| Ivy Park Church | 2.55 |
| Murphy Church | 13.00 |
| Oak Forest Church | 11.55 |
| Robbinsville Church | 8.25 |
| Waynesville Church | 24.30 |
| West Asheville Church | 12.45 |
| Total | \$ 361.81 |

IS AMERICA CHRISTIAN?

On our money we say, "In God We Trust!" But that same money goes to buy and sell the material things that shut God out.

Some of the things our money buys are sinful in themselves. Not spend more money for liquor than for missions. We even sell our bodies into a slavery worse than that of physical servitude — and all for money.

Some of the things our money buys are wasteful in themselves. Not altogether wasteful in an intrinsic sense, but certainly wasteful in a relative sense. We spent more money for pleasure than for missions. Movies, candy, tobacco and many other things have an abnormal share of our money. It is the abnormal share at the expense of God's Kingdom that makes it the greater sin.

Some of the things we buy we call necessary—and so they are—but our use of them is wasteful. Two side dishes of wholesome food were placed before the writer as a part of a substantial meal. Without them the meal was well balanced and bountiful. They were set back untouched. When the waitress cleared the table this food was thrown away. America wastes enough food from our tables to feed hundreds of thousands who are starving. The

cost of food thus saved would carry the gospel to countless thousands.

Thank God, some of the things we buy are eternal. A man once said (just before the Every Member Canvass): "If I can put aside a tenth of my income for war bonds, I can pledge a tenth to my church." The things of God are eternal and these values are purchased not with money but with life. Money becomes a medium of exchange for things of God only when it is a symbol of a consecrated life.

That little part of America which we love as Asheville Presbytery can be made more Christian than it is when God's people unite with their lives, expressed in the dedication of self and substance.

The opportunity to renew our pledge of allegiance to the growth of the Kingdom of God through Asheville Presbytery is before us. All churches in our Presbytery are asked to give their members an opportunity to show their interest in this work. A special offering will be taken for the work of Presbytery's Home Missions.

Some other day may be more appropriate in your church. Let every loyal follower of Christ see that their investment in things eternal is commensurate with their investment in things temporal. And the proportion should be "as God has prospered."

WAR BONDS FOR VICTORY!

The Government says: "Put at least one-tenth of your income into War Bonds to assure a speedy victory."

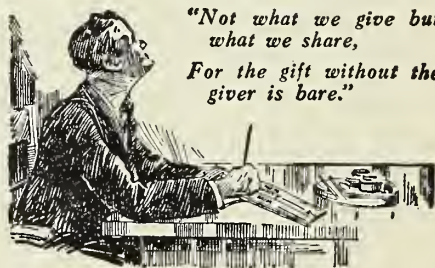
But after the victory, "What then?"

Why not invest a part of the War Bonds you buy in the future of Asheville Presbytery?

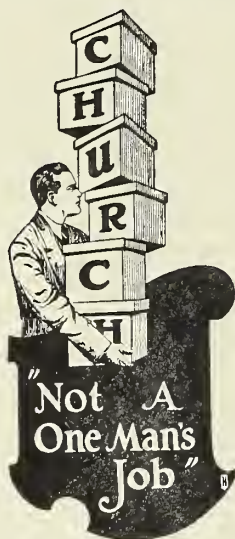
Why not make that a part of your special offering this year?

Make the Bonds payable to "The Home Mission Committee of Asheville Presbytery, Inc." Do not make them payable to any individual. Send them to the office of your committee through your local church treasurer.

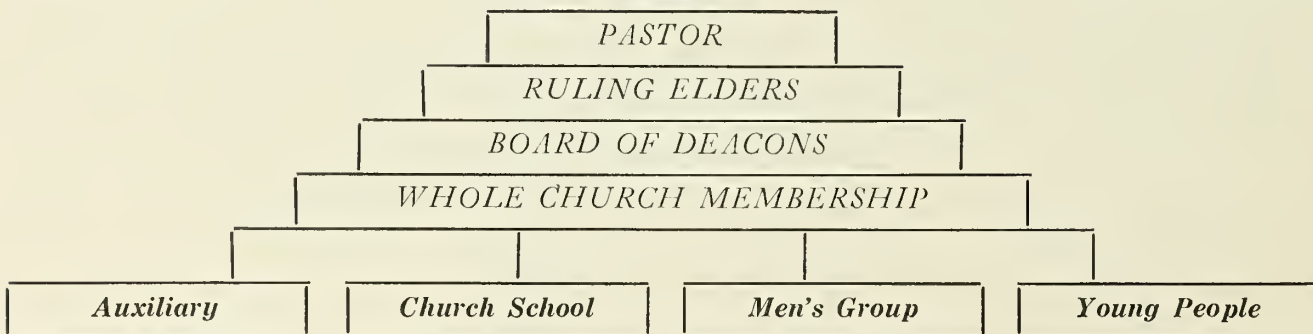
You will serve your country now and your church ten years from now.



YOUR PRESBYTERY
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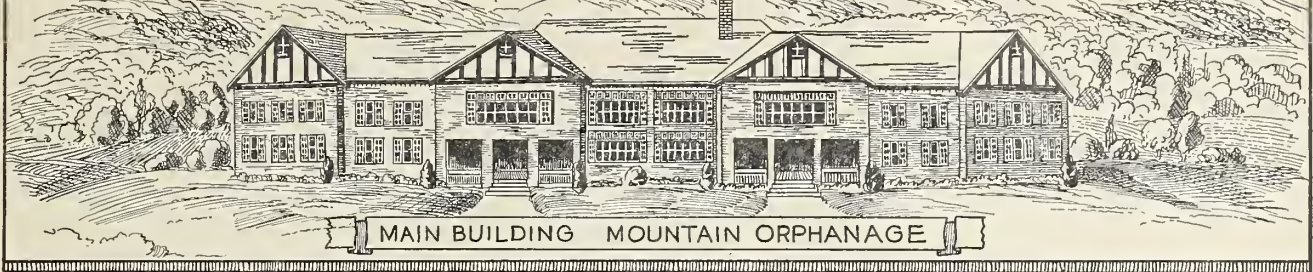
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MAIN BUILDING MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

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ORPHANAGE

News And Notes

By Mrs. J. H. Gruver

It is a very short step from "knee-deep in June" to mid-summer, July, with its warmth and beauty and various delights.

Our "Glorious Fourth" — and fifth — being very rainy, and Sunday intervening, we had a quiet, uneventful time. Before the days of rationed gasoline the older boys and girls usually had a good trip to some place of special interest and closed the day by a visit to the Recreation Park. Perhaps later some special home celebration will make up for what we missed this year.

The boys and girls who were privileged to attend the Young People's Conference at Montreat will long remember those happy hours. Good reports of the meetings were given at Sunday School and Young People's Meeting by those who were among the number. One can never tell what may be the harvest from such sowing, but we believe that great good will come from the truth planted in young hearts and an inspiration gained which cannot be forgotten.

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We were pleased with the program given by some of our young people at Hendersonville Church at the June Meeting of Auxiliary. Our matron, Miss Eunice Long, who is Associate Secretary of Y. P. Work in Black Mountain Church, trained

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FACTS - FIGURES 1943 REPORTS

Minutes Of Presbytery

There are thirty churches, with total membership of 5,251.

171 were received on Profession of Faith last year. In other words, it took thirty-one church members to win one person to Christ.

The "Spiritual Birthrate" was 3.2 percent.

The average was one to every Ruling Elder. Had it been an average of one to each church officer (Ruling Elders and Deacons) the total would have been 362.

One church reached the average of one to each church officer. Eleven exceeded the average of one to each Ruling Elder.

The following churches reported a Sunday School enrollment equal to or greater than their their church membership:

Montreat, Hazelwood, Red Oak, Oak Forest, Andrews, Hayesville, Bryson City, Ivy Park.

Four churches had S. S. enrollments of at least 80 percent of their total membership.

Seven churches had enrollments between 70 percent and 79 percent.

Three were from 60 percent to 69 percent.

Two were from 50 percent to

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PRESBYTERY

Mid-summer Meeting

Asheville Presbytery met in regular session at the Mills River Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, July 13, with ministers or lay representatives of twenty-seven of the thirty churches present.

Also present were: Rev. James M. Carr, Th.D., of Knoxville, Tenn., Director of Religious Education for the Synod of Appalachia; Rev. T. L. Liston, D.D., of Bristol, Tenn., President of King College; and Rev. J. M. Wells, D.D., former Moderator of the General Assembly, who has a summer home at Hendersonville, within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Presbytery received Rev. H. V. Lofquist from Mississippi Presbytery and granted him permission to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery as Chaplain of the Good Samaritan Mission of the City of Asheville. Rev. W. A. Murray, who is living at Hancock, Md., was dismissed to Winchester Presbytery.

A revised manual was presented by the special committee and after discussion and amendment was adopted.

Rev. C. Grier Davis, D.D., and Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., were declared to be the trustees of Davidson College, in conformity to the ruling of the new manual and the requirements of the college.

The matters pertaining to the Religious Education Advance in the

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1943 YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE AT MONTREAT



Total Pioneers 98



Total Young People 73

Our Mountain Work

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Two Offerings Same Day

The offering for Presbytery's Home Missions scheduled for June 27th suffered a serious setback this year, due to the conflict with an offering ordered by the General Assembly for War Relief Agencies. Word has been coming from various pastorates that two offerings will be taken in the churches. Some churches took their offering for Presbytery's Home Missions—some for the Assembly's causes—on the 27th. Lacking official information at the time, the Editor of Our Mountain Work planned the June issue with the Presbytery's offering in mind.

We would call attention at this time to the importance of every church participating in the offering for Presbytery's Home Missions. In spite of the good financial condition of the treasury at the present time, it is true that every field in the Presbytery is occupied for June and July. There are four extra summer workers being supported by the Committee, and the Presbytery's office is fully manned. This means 100 percent of our budget is being expended during these two months, and there will be an extra field to be supported as soon as we can locate the proper man for Andrews and Robbinsville.

All of these facts combine to make the appeal for this special offering. We hope that each church will see that their contribution is remitted promptly.

FIRST QUARTER

For Home Missions

Paid to Workers \$1,947.38
Expenses, Office, etc. . . . 727.15

Total \$2,674.53
Received from Churches \$ 867.38
Deficit Paid from Surplus
and Other Income . . . \$1,807.15

Note: For same period in 1942 the churches paid \$1,361.67.

The Assembly

We regret failure to note that material on the top of page four is continued from our June issue. We are grateful to Dr. L. Nelson Bell for the article. Dr. Bell was a lay commissioner from Asheville Presbytery at the recent Assembly.

Former M. O. Boy
Looks At Life

Now In U. S. Army

Mrs. J. H. Gruver furnishes the following article by one of the former students at Mountain Orphanage. It is worth reading and remembering. It is a testimony to the fine training given the boys and girls at this Home.

Sometimes we all look too much to the darker window of life instead of looking to the portal illuminated by the love of Christ.

We all know that the love of Christ can elevate the spirit of man and give him an inborn tenacity to fight against blind hatred and terrorism. Yet there are elements in the world which contend that God fosters their doctrine of hatred and racial prejudice. When Christ promised to accept all who have faith in Him there was no stipulation that you had to be an Aryan. We call ourselves champions of right, yet does our faith, our willingness to serve God, justify this? Should we not first rid ourselves of the prejudice and blind hatred of others? Is love not more unifying than hate? In accepting God's love for us and then loving our fellow-man, would we not have a stronger union than those united by hatred?

We must not allow ourselves to sink to the low level where evil is more influential than righteousness.

Free people are not subject to the State, but the State to them. Void and empty must be the lives of those who have no freedom of thought, speech nor worship. Many are afraid to share their happiness with others, thinking it will be lost, not realizing that it would add happiness to their own lives.

The appealing thing about Christ's love is that it is free for the taking, and you can't wear out your welcome. No one man or nation was predestined to rule, but rather all chosen to serve God. So let us constantly pray that we may avoid the pitfalls and illusions of grandeur that have engulfed so many, and that we may better serve God and our fellow-man. —Woodrow Blythe.

ORPHANAGE

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the children. There were songs by little girls, and two older boys, Carleton White and Edwin Breedlove, made talks. Seven children clothed by Hendersonville Circles were introduced. The trip to this active church is always an occasion much enjoyed by those who have a part in it. The church has always expressed great interest in the children and their hospitality is much appreciated. Pastor and people are united in their benevolence to the Orphanage.

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It was a pleasant afternoon when Dr. H. B. Dendy, Dr. C. Grier Davis and Mrs. R. D. Bedinger paid an official visit to the Orphanage in June. They were much impressed,

after hearing a report from Miss Roberts, girls' matron, with the need for playground equipment. As the number of supervisors for the number of children in our various groups is very inadequate, a well equipped playground would be a great help in providing helpful amusement and occupation in leisure time. Active minds and bodies must have an outlet for their energies or harmful pursuits will be followed.

A survey of the kitchen and dining-room revealed the need for dishes and silverware. A good grade of plated-ware has supplied this need in the past and we hope there may be more of the same from former or new sources.

Daily Vacation Bible School is to continue through six weeks. Thus the morning hours are spent by the smaller boys and girls, those twelve years old and younger. We are fortunate to have Misses Mary and Susan Currell in charge.

Black Mountain College has very kindly offered their beautiful Lake Eden to us for swimming and twice a week the Family has a great frolic in the pleasant waters. Camping and mountain trips are out for "the duration," but our own cabin in the woods, Chinquapin Lodge, and the gymnasium for skating, are resources for pleasure which make for contentment at home. All realize that we are greatly blessed in this happy, peaceful spot, and that we have many privileges.

Those who have been with us in the past know this when they look back to the carefree days of their foster home.

FACTS - FIGURES

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59 percent.

Six were below 50 percent. Of these, three had no school at all. Three were between 40 percent and 49 percent.

The average for the whole Presbytery was 69 percent.

Seventeen of the thirty Churches reported the date of organization. This was requested by the General Assembly. These seventeen, in the order of their organization, are:

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| Brevard-Davidson River . . . | 1800 |
| Hayesville | 1841 |
| Mills River | 1859 |
| Oak Forest | 1872 |
| Bryson City | 1881 |
| Murphy | 1896 |
| Andrews | 1897 |
| Canton | 1904 |
| Hazelwood | 1906 |
| Black Mountain | 1908 |
| Weaverville | 1921 |
| Red Oak | 1923 |
| Highlands | 1929 |
| Kenilworth | 1934 |
| Robbinsville | 1939 |
| Sylva | 1941 |

The Advance And Asheville Presbytery

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OUR CHURCH IS NOW IN THE MIDST OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADVANCE

WHAT IS THE ADVANCE?

The United Religious Education Advance is a four-year effort on the part of every Presbyterian congregation to reach every person in every community with the Christian message and to improve and extend our Church's program of Religious Education as it works through the home, the church, and the community. It is the purpose of this movement to confront every person outside of the Church with Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, and at the same time to help those already in the Church to become increasingly Christlike in their daily living.

It is united action to "Reach Every Person with Christian Teaching":

In the **Home** through

Regular Bible reading and prayer.
Living as Christians in the family.

In the **Church** through

Increasing attendance.
Improving teaching for Christian discipleship.

In the **Community** through

Bringing every person into some Church.
Churches working together for a Christian community.

WHEN DID IT BEGIN?

The ADVANCE began officially in our Church at the 1942 meeting of the General Assembly in Knoxville, Tenn., when the Advance was launched. Many churches set up Planning Committees and started the ADVANCE on its way in local churches during Religious Education Week and on Rally Day in 1942.

HOW FAR HAVE WE GONE?

Have we advanced? Have we reached more people with Christian teaching? Yes. Is our Sunday School enrollment larger? In many churches, yes. In some, no. Remember, thousands of people who work normally in our churches are now serving in the armed forces. One family in every six in the United States has moved to a new community since Pearl Harbor. This means delay in establishing new church homes in the new, overcrowded, abnormal communities created by the war. Let the new situation challenge us rather than discourage us, because:

WE STILL NEED THE ADVANCE

60,000,000 unchurched people in the United States. Over half the children and youth of America receiving no formal religious instruction. In the area of the Southern Presbyterian Church 77 out of every 100 not enrolled in any Sunday School. 95 percent of the criminals from the more than one-half without religious instruction. One home in four touched by crime every year. One divorce for every six marriages. These facts and many others reveal the great open sore of our land—SIN—and the Church has the cure—the message of Jesus Christ and His power to save—the ADVANCE is our effort to preach and teach CHRIST to the multitudes.

THE SECOND YEAR

Emphasis during the present year is "Reach Every Person with Christian Teaching in the Home, Church and Community." The second year emphasis will be "Reach Every Person with Christian Teaching in the HOME." This new theme takes us to the heart of our problem. For the home is the source of our civilization, the strength and support of the Church, and the most enduring institution in its influence upon Christian character.

The chief purpose of this article is to set before our leaders some practical things to be done in guiding the entire Church in reaching every person with Christian teaching in the HOME.

PLAN THE YEAR'S WORK

1. Have the Session reappoint and reorganize the Planning Committee. (If your Church is not already in the Advance, appoint this Committee now, and begin working immediately).
2. Review the several objectives and specific goals set up for the first year.
3. Study the general objectives and specific goals suggested for the second year.
4. Set up a definite program for your congregation and adopt specific goals for your Church.
5. Enlist every organization of the Church to reach these goals, and make more specific goals for each organization.
6. Plan well in advance for observing "Religious Education Week" and for launching the whole year's program.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES FOR THE SECOND YEAR

1. Acknowledging and re-emphasizing the Scriptural conception of the Christian home as the most powerful influence in molding Christian character.
2. Magnifying the place of the family group in the life of the Church, and enlisting their support of its program.
3. Awakening the Church to its responsibility for helping families make the adjustments necessitated by the wartime emergency.
4. Extending the Church's teaching program so as to reach more homes with better Christian teaching.
5. Preparing parents to do a better job as heads of Christian families.
6. Arousing Christian families to their responsibility for ministering to both their Christian and their non-Christian neighbors in the name of Christ.

SPECIFIC GOALS FOR THE SECOND YEAR

1. Establish closer co-operation between Church and Home.
2. Give concrete help to parents.
3. Serve non-church families.
4. Help young couples to start with Christian homes. (The "Second Year Manual" offers many suggestions under each of these four specific goals).

HOW MAY THE CHURCH GET THESE THINGS DONE?

In the following ways, and many others not given here, these goals may be accomplished.

1. Have the worship service and sermon organized around family life. Invite as special guests, couples whom the pastor has married.
2. Start a parents' class or other homemakers' organization.
3. Help families work out plans for grace at meals, Bible reading and worship in the home.
4. Have a Church School "open house" with all parents invited.
5. Present Christian family life plays.
6. Conduct a symposium on "Things I Like About My Home."
7. Seek out relocated or unchurched families.
8. Prepare a reading table on Christian family life.
9. Study the possibilities of family counseling in the Church and community.
10. Conduct a family hobby rodeo.
11. Hold an old-fashioned church and family supper.
12. Plan conferences of leaders to study the Church's opportunity for enriching family life.
13. Maintain close ties with people away from home for national defense service.
14. Distribute a leaflet on Christian family life.

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A LAYMAN VIEWS

The organization of the various committees, the preparation of the docket and the general planning of the whole Assembly show a wide background of experience which has resulted in efficiency and the maximum of fairness. Some of the manipulations to get certain men on certain committees are not desirable but will be hard to eliminate.

At the same time, one could but be impressed with the decreased efficiency of the Assembly resulting from an almost complete change of personnel each year. It is to be hoped that as time goes on all Presbyteries will follow the example already set by some in electing the commissioners in two classes, so that each man attends the Assembly for two years, half of the total number being new men each year. This too has certain disadvantages but one believes they are greatly outweighed by the advantages.

Federal Council

The action taken regarding the Federal Council was an expression of the overwhelming judgment of majority, not an expression of the convictions of either side. The activities of the Council can today be roughly divided into three sections: **religious, economic, and relative to the war effort.** It was the latter which caused the compromise action. That the Council is doing effectively and efficiently certain things with reference to chaplains, camps, etc., all agree. At this time our Church has no other agency ready to do this necessary work. To take action adversely affecting this work, of which we all approve, seemed unwise to a large majority.

But, we are more than ever convinced that the testimony of any Church is impaired by an association, **in religious work**, with those who sponsor religious broadcasts and other religious activities in which men denying many fundamentals of the faith have a part. We cannot for one minute agree to the position that the essential doctrines of Christianity are so nebulous in character as to make them of minor importance. They are either **true** or they are **false**. If they are true, and we

affirm that they are, then there is but **one** Gospel to preach and that is not the gospel which is often heard over the air under the auspices of the Federal Council.

Finally, the meddling of the Council, in the name of the Church, in economic and social problems is a menace of the first magnitude. As one studies these activities one is forced to the conclusion that those who represent the Council in this work are socialistic, in the main, in their concept of national economy. These men are also pro-labor in the extreme. James Myers, of the Federal Council, in his pamphlet, "Churches In Social Action" (published by the Federal Council), speaks with approval of ministers joining with pickets in peacefully-conducted picket lines and in the same booklet suggests that Christians use products with union labels on them and employ union labor in building programs and in various capacities in building operations. It is not these ideals in themselves which are so distasteful, it is the partisanship towards labor and against the capitalistic system which one resents.

Church Union

The Permanent Committee on Co-operation and Union found itself in the rather embarrassing position of having a Plan of Union published in a book of 237 pages which had been presented to it by a sub-committee, only a few days before its meeting and with which it was not familiar. The whole matter was referred back to the Permanent Committee and we hope it will stay there a long time.

As one talked with many men in the Assembly one was impressed with the fact that apparently the majority of our Church are against Union with the Northern Church. This matter has been pushed by an able and aggressive minority but there are signs that the opposition is stiffening. Many still feel that the Southern Presbyterian Church has a work to do which would be handicapped and marred by Union, and they do not intend to permit our Church to lose her identity and testimony for the sake of the mirage of "unity."

Dispensationalism

This question, which has been

such a problem in certain sections of our Church, was part of the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Changes in Confession of Faith and Catechisms. To many it seemed that this report confused extreme dispensationalism and the moderate pre-millennial view held by many. As a result the matter was recommitted and two men holding the pre-millennial viewpoint were added to the committee.

Random Notes

The presence, in uniform, of Colonel Cecil H. Lang and Captain Ben. L. Rose was visible evidence of our Church's participation in the war effort through a splendid group of chaplains. We are proud of the record of our Church in furnishing three times her quota of chaplains, also of the quality of the men who represent us.

Elder Colin P. Kelly, father of one of our first national heroes of World War II, Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr., was a Commissioner, and he and Mrs. Kelly were introduced to the Assembly. Thank God for Christian families which still produce young men and young women who bear testimony to the saving and keeping power of Christ as he did.

Humor

One commissioner insists that another got up and made a motion as follows: "I move that we now vote in the negative." Be that as it may, the gift of good humor and fellowship was often in evidence.

Conclusion

The writer came away from the Eighty-Third General Assembly with mingled emotions. It was a good meeting and the fellowship inspiring. Old friends were seen, many of them after a lapse of years. New friends were made.

Probably the outstanding impression one received was that the accepted viewpoint of many today was that of only a silent minority of thirty years ago. This philosophy of inclusivism follows almost a set pattern, and is, to this elder, ominous in the extreme.

Our Southern Presbyterian Church has a glorious heritage and is still doing a splendid work. May God guide, bless and keep her true to Him and His Word.

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WHAT CAN THE FAMILY DO?

Both the HOME and the CHURCH must advance. Each helps the other. Both are almost helpless without the other. The following are suggestions to families:

1. Develop co-operatively a plan for family devotions.
2. Make friends of some new family.
3. Develop home recreation or home music nights.
4. Have family outings together.
5. Launch some family project for co-operation in neighborhood work.
6. Find a hobby which the whole family can share.
7. Adopt a family budget set up on stewardship principles.
8. Cultivate the habit of reading aloud to the family circle.
9. Study the duties of the family as Christian citizens.
10. Set aside one night each week for studying the Sunday School Lesson.
11. Subscribe to a church paper.
12. Subscribe to a good family magazine.
13. Make birthdays a time for service to the family rather than an occasion for receiving gifts.
14. Share your family gatherings with other families, strangers and lonely people.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

The special season for launching the Second Year of the ADVANCE is Religious Education Week, September 26 - October 3. The Church prepares for Religious Education Week by holding special meetings of various groups during September. Then, during the week (Sept. 26 - Oct. 3) there are several suggestions, such as "Christian Home Day," "Family Night At Church," "Family Night At Home," and the special observance of Rally Day on Sunday, October 3.

HELPFUL LITERATURE

The basic literature needed is "The Second Year Manual for the United Religious Education Advance" (10c). This Manual gives detailed guidance to the Planning Committee in preparing for the Advance in the local church. It also contains a bibliography of books and pamphlets which will be of great assistance to leaders in the Church. The Manual and all books and pamphlets mentioned in the bibliography may be ordered from our Book Store, The Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond (9), Va.

FOR BENEVOLENCES — RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES FOR FIRST QUARTER

Showing how same was apportioned on budget benevolences for each congregation, amount of three months' quota, and special offering to Defense Service Council. Receipts since July 1st will appear in October issue. Causes not credited with a part of the first quarter's receipts from any church will receive their share of receipts for the current quarter to conform to Presbytery's percentage of distribution.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Andrews Church | \$ 5.84 | \$ 189.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 4.34 | \$ 89.00 | \$ 2.40 | \$.50 | \$ 10.00 | \$.60 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$.70 | \$.30 | \$ 26.68 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Asheville First Church | 350.00 | 189.00 | 16.00 | 375.59 | 89.00 | 34.40 | 10.70 | 72.00 | 8.60 | 75.00 | 75.00 | 16.00 | 13.20 | 6.80 | 1,331.29 | 3,366.00 | |
| Asheville First Wom. Aux. | 15.12 | 30.00 | 8.25 | 38.75 | | 19.80 | 4.12 | 60.00 | 4.95 | | | 8.25 | 5.78 | 2.48 | 137.50 | | |
| Asheville First S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black Mountain Church | 75.00 | 45.65 | 7.75 | 60.02 | 50.38 | 18.60 | 3.87 | 11.90 | 4.65 | | | 7.75 | 5.42 | 2.33 | 283.32 | 194.00 | 51.00 |
| Brevard-Davidson Wom. Aux. | 12.50 | 7.00 | .50 | 24.25 | 3.25 | 2.40 | | 12.00 | .60 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 1.00 | .70 | .30 | 75.00 | 113.00 | |
| Brevard-Davidson S. S. | | | | | | | | 10.00 | | | | | | | 10.00 | | |
| Bryson City Church | 13.23 | 4.25 | 1.90 | | | | .95 | 5.00 | 1.14 | 9.50 | 9.50 | 1.90 | 1.32 | .56 | 49.25 | 65.00 | 13.86 |
| Bryson City Wom. Aux. | 2.00 | 1.00 | .69 | 5.28 | 4.48 | 1.65 | .35 | 20.50 | .41 | | | .69 | .48 | .22 | 37.75 | | |
| Bryson City Wom. Aux. | 25.00 | 14.00 | 1.00 | 39.71 | 6.50 | 2.40 | .50 | 10.00 | .60 | 5.00 | 7.00 | 1.00 | .70 | .30 | 113.71 | 175.00 | 16.19 |
| Canton Church | | | 2.60 | | 16.90 | 6.24 | 1.30 | | 1.56 | | | 2.60 | 1.82 | .78 | 70.20 | | |
| Canton Wom. Aux. | | 36.40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12.00 | | |
| Canton S. S. | | | | 12.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canton D.V.R.S. | | 10.03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10.03 | | |
| Dillingham Wom. Aux. | 2.00 | 1.00 | | 2.00 | | | | | | | | | | | 5.00 | 32.00 | 9.00 |
| Etowah Church | 8.93 | | 1.09 | | 7.08 | 2.62 | .55 | 1.00 | .65 | 5.45 | 5.45 | 1.09 | .76 | .33 | 35.00 | 32.00 | 8.00 |
| Etowah Wom. Aux. | .70 | | .20 | | | .48 | .10 | | .12 | 1.00 | 1.00 | .20 | .14 | .06 | 4.00 | | |
| Franklin Church | 3.00 | 1.50 | 1.20 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | | 7.50 | 78.00 | |
| Franklin Wom. Aux. | | | | 2.40 | 7.80 | 2.88 | .60 | | .72 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 1.20 | .84 | .36 | 30.00 | | |
| Hazelwood Church | 10.00 | 4.55 | | 10.00 | | | | | | | | | | | 24.55 | 52.00 | |
| Hazelwood Children | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hendersonville Church | 160.00 | 105.00 | 5.00 | 225.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 | 2.00 | 60.00 | 3.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 | 5.00 | 4.00 | 1.00 | 690.00 | 1,035.00 | 167.53 |
| Hendersonville Wom. Aux. | 5.22 | 5.92 | 1.67 | 3.07 | | 4.00 | 1.84 | | 1.00 | 8.35 | 8.35 | 1.67 | 1.17 | .50 | 42.76 | | |
| Hendersonville S. S. | | | | | | | | 113.29 | | | | | | | 113.29 | | |
| Kenilworth Church | 24.70 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 18.00 | | | 1.50 | | 1.80 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 3.00 | 2.10 | .90 | 75.00 | 150.00 | 10.04 |
| Kenilworth Wom. Aux. | 3.30 | 6.00 | | 6.00 | | 4.32 | .90 | | 1.08 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 1.80 | 1.26 | .54 | 45.00 | | |
| Mills River Wom. Aux. | 1.50 | | .75 | | 4.88 | 1.80 | | | .45 | 3.75 | 3.75 | .75 | .52 | .23 | 18.75 | 78.00 | |
| Montreat Church | 3.35 | | | | | | | 25.00 | | | | | | | 3.35 | 450.00 | |
| Montreat Y.P.S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 25.00 | | |
| Montreat Pioneers | | | | | | | | 2.25 | | | | | | | 25.00 | | |
| Murphy Church | 6.90 | | | 10.00 | | | | | | | | | | | 2.25 | | |
| Murphy S. S. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6.90 | 45.00 | 13.00 |
| Oak Forest Church | 8.64 | | 2.07 | 7.17 | 3.45 | 4.97 | 1.04 | | 1.24 | 5.35 | | | | | 10.00 | | |
| Oak Forest S. S. | | | | 3.30 | 10.00 | | | 9.00 | | | 5.35 | 2.07 | 1.45 | .62 | 36.25 | 52.00 | 11.55 |
| Robbinsville Church | 3.00 | 1.80 | .10 | | .80 | .30 | .10 | 2.97 | .10 | .60 | | .10 | .10 | .10 | 26.17 | 19.00 | 8.25 |
| Robbinsville S. S. | | | | 3.00 | | 3.60 | .75 | | .90 | 3.50 | | | | | 12.50 | | |
| Waynesville Wom. Aux. | 10.00 | 5.25 | 1.50 | 26.35 | | | | | | | 3.50 | 1.50 | 1.05 | .45 | 2.97 | 155.00 | 24.30 |
| Waynesville Church | 41.15 | 20.00 | | 7.50 | 5.85 | 2.16 | .45 | | .64 | | | | | | 85.00 | 113.00 | 43.89 |
| Weaverville Wom. Aux. | 3.30 | | .90 | 55.00 | 26.00 | 9.60 | 2.00 | 50.00 | .54 | 20.00 | | .90 | .63 | .27 | 87.50 | | |
| West Asheville Church | 73.00 | 30.00 | 4.00 | | | | | | | | 20.00 | 4.00 | 2.80 | 1.20 | 300.00 | 200.00 | 12.45 |
| Totals | \$ 867.38 | \$ 518.35 | \$ 62.97 | \$ 944.73 | \$ 266.37 | \$ 155.62 | \$ 34.99 | \$ 476.41 | \$ 37.11 | \$ 197.50 | \$ 199.50 | \$ 63.47 | \$ 46.94 | \$ 20.63 | \$3,890.97 | | |
| Bethel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 36.00 | |
| Hayesville | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12.00 | 2.00 |
| Highlands | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 38.00 | 18.13 |
| Ivy Park | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12.00 | 2.55 |
| Morrison | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 23.00 | |
| Swannanoa | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 194.00 | |
| Sylvia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8.00 |
| White Oak | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

AUXILIARY

News of local Auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Montreat, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

Announcement

We are happy to announce that at a meeting of the Executive Board of Asheville Presbyterial Auxiliary, held at the home of the president in June, Mrs. R. C. Anderson, of Montreat, accepted the chairmanship of the Woman's Column for this paper. The Secretary of Christian Social Service was asked to prepare the column for this month.

Conference For Negro Women

The Eighteenth Annual Conference for Negro Women was held at Knoxville College, at Knoxville, Tenn., from June 21st to 26th.

The Conference is sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of Appalachia. Fifty-five delegates attended, which was the same number attending last year. A very helpful and timely program was presented each day, covering such topics as: "The Christian Family," "Sabbath Observance," and "Church Attendance, Bible Reading and the Family Altar."

Many of the delegates leave the Conference inspired and enthusiastic to do some kind of follow-up work. Some conduct Daily Vacation Bible Schools, others organize neighborhood Bible Classes, preferably taught by white teachers. Some of the difficulties and handicaps the Negro woman faces on her return home are lack of knowledge as to how to begin and take hold. Working material, efficient teachers and equipment are often hard to find. Here is where the white woman can render a priceless service. The colored woman feels a natural hesitancy to approach the white woman, so it seems that the white woman must make the approach and offer her services.

Material for Daily Vacation Bible Schools could often be provided from the left-over materials in our Sunday School.

Asheville Presbyterial Auxiliary sent four delegates to this Conference. The Auxiliaries sending delegates were: Asheville First Church, 1; Canton, 1; Montreat, Black Mountain, and Swannanoa, 1; and West Asheville and Kenilworth, 1.

This work is vital; the challenge is ours. May we have a greater share in this work.

Pearl D. (Mrs. B. V.) Riddle, Secretary of Christian Social Service for Asheville Presbyterial Auxiliary.

PRESBYTERY

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Presbytery were presented in a popular meeting, with Dr. Carr and Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of the Presbytery, speaking.

The reports of the educational institutions, King and Montreat Colleges, in which the Presbytery has interests, was presented by the presidents of these institutions. Definite actions touching the work of King College was postponed until after the meeting of the Synod.

Presbytery appointed a special committee to direct the campaign in the fall for the Assembly's Home Mission Emergency Fund, endorsed the campaign and agreed to accept the quota to be assigned the Presbytery at a later date. The committee is: Rev. R. E. McClure, Chairman and Director of the Campaign; Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., Rev. T. A. Painter, D.D., Rev. J. C. Plexico, with J. T. Bailey from Canton, R. E. Burton of Weaverville, and L. B. Ordway of Asheville.

Rev. W. H. Wakefield, Moderator, presided over the sessions. The doctrinal sermon was preached by Rev. T. A. Painter, D.D., on "Predestination." The communion was administered by Rev. R. E. McClure and Rev. C. B. Ratchford.

The host pastor, Rev. D. R. Freeman, and his congregation ministered to the material needs of the body. A bountiful country style picnic was served.

The fall meeting was set for October 12, at 10:00 A.M., and the First Presbyterial Church of Asheville was named as the place of meeting.

Emergency Fund Director

The Assembly's Home Mission Council, in special session, June 15-16, called Rev. S. B. Lapsley, Executive Secretary of Abingdon Presbytery, as Director of the 1943 Home Mission Emergency Fund Campaign.

Dr. Lapsley, who has accepted the Council's call, is well qualified by experience and ability to assume this important task. For the past five years he has served as Home Mission executive for the Synod of West Virginia. He has represented his Synod on the Home Mission Council since its organization. Under his aggressive leadership his Synod over-subscribed its quota in the 1942 Emergency Fund Campaign.

The Director in 1942 was Rev. R. D. Bedinger, D.D., of Asheville Presbytery.

BREVARD:

The Brevard Young People's Group was represented by thirteen young people at the conference in June. The following officers were installed for the coming year:

President, Jack Patton; vice-president, Jane Walker; secretary, Wylma Pooser; treasurer, Bob Gash; social chairman, Alex Kiser; program chairman, Carolyn Kimzey; contact and correspondence chairman, Frances Walker; librarian, Betty Finck.

The present topic for discussion at the meetings each Sunday evening is "Prayer." Frances Walker.

YOUNG PEOPLE

News of local Leagues should be sent to Miss Dabney Adams, 324 Westover Drive, Asheville, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

Conference Offering

The free-will offering of the Young People's Conference amounted to \$13.65. One dollar was for the American Bible Society. The remainder was for the War Relief causes commended by the General Assembly for a special offering on June 27th.

STATISTICS

Young People's Conference

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Received From: | | |
| 68 Regular Delegates and five Special Delegates | ..... | \$ 479.75 |
| Disbursed For: | | |
| Students | ..... | \$ 427.50 |
| Faculty | ..... | 103.83 |
| | | 531.33 |
| Deficit | ..... | \$ 51.58 |

Pioneer Conference

| | | |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Received From: | | |
| 92 Regular Delegates and six Special Delegates | ..... | \$ 648.50 |
| Disbursed For: | | |
| Students | | \$ 575.00 |
| Faculty | | 62.50 |
| Tax (Hotel) | | 12.24 |
| | | 649.74 |
| Deficit | | \$ 1.24 |

Combined Groups

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|-------------------|-------|------------|
| Receipts: | | |
| Young People | | \$ 479.75 |
| Pioneers | | 648.50 |
| Presbyterial | | 25.00 |
| Home Mission Com. | | 40.00 |
| | | \$1,193.25 |
| Disbursed: | | |
| To Alba Hotel | ..... | \$1,181.07 |
| To 1942 Deficit | ..... | 4.68 |
| To 1943 Publicity | ..... | 3.32 |
| To Supplies | ..... | 1.95 |
| | | 1,191.02 |
| Balance on Hand | | \$ 2.23 |

Young People's Council

President: Dorothy Richeson, Hazelwood, N. C.

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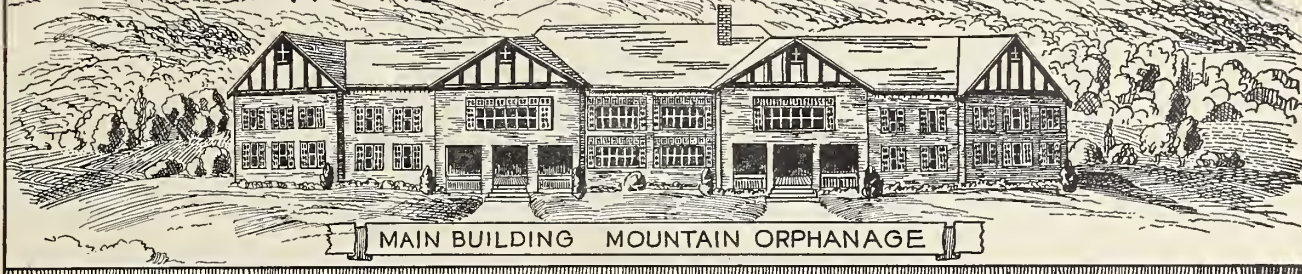
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GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION

ASHEVILLE PROJECT

(By Rev. H. V. Lofquist, Chaplain-Member Asheville Presbytery.)

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in good health, even as thy soul prospereth." (III. John 2). That was a comprehensive prayer the Apostle John prayed for his friend, Gaius: economic well-being, physical well-being, with well-being of the soul as the core of life around which the economic and physical revolved. When John prayed *that* for an individual Christian we are to understand that he prayed nothing less than *that* for each Christian of the church to which Gaius belonged; likewise it was the prayer for the Christian community and the Church-at-large. This statement by John is representative of the New Testament approach, for the whole New Testament consistently combines these three phases of human life within the scope of the Christian experience. It is certainly in the ministry of Jesus and the early church, according to Acts, projected itself along these three lines: well-being of soul through the indwelling Holy Spirit at and after Pentecost; accompanied by economic well-being and physical health. (Acts 2:44-45; 3:7; 4:34-35; 6:3; 8:7; 9:34).

Down the centuries the Church of Jesus Christ has been true to its initiating pattern as it has kept inseparable these three phases of human well-being. It was to do that more efficiently and effectively in the City of Asheville, N. C., in 1911 that a group of ministers and laymen met and, under the leadership of Rev. R. F. Campbell, of the First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. S. Williams, of the Methodist Protestant Church, organized the Mission of the Good Samaritan, Inc.

As in the early days of the Christian Church the organizational form grew out of specific situations and case problems, so with the Mission of the Good Samaritan. Asheville was experiencing rapid growth in 1911 as people came from all the states and from abroad to settle in a locale of invigorating climate and mountain grandeur. Years ago Dr. Campbell described the case thus: "Two pastors, puzzling over the problem of a patient from another

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AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

THOMAS J. ROBBINS



Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., Was His
Pastor — 1888-1890.

When a Church School superintendent has held this position for 61 years and still feels the need of attending leadership gatherings he exhibits what should be the normal desire of both officers and teachers. He can also contribute much from his valuable experience and example.

"Always on time," was the way Mr. Thomas J. Robbins, of Lowrys, S. C., expressed himself when asked what had done most to make his superintendency a success through the years. He might have added, "Regularity in attendance," for he said he had not been absent but twice in the sixty-one years, except when away from home. His son took his place while he attended the Superintendents' Conference at Montreat on July 23-25, 1943.

Mr. Robbins was born on May 17, 1856. He was made Ruling Elder and Clerk of the Session of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Bethel Presbytery, when it was organized on Dec. 3, 1881. He is still Clerk of the Session and has missed only two of its 422 meetings, once

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SUMMERTIME AT ORPHANAGE

August finds us with many activities in progress.

Barn building has begun and is going forward merrily. A friend gave all the lumber, and after much searching two capable carpenters are engaged in the work. This will be fine as a hay barn and as a protection in winter for the young cattle.

The seasonable rains have produced excellent crops, and we are able to store large quantities of beans, beets, corn and tomatoes. Last year's supply of canned food lasted through the winter and spring until fresh vegetables came in. We make a party of canning, and the work is done out of doors, mainly, so it is as much pleasure as work. It is surprising how efficient the young girls are and what good cooks are found among them.

The Lions' Club of Black Mountain had their bi-monthly dinner with us a few weeks ago. The table was supplied with home-grown, home-cooked food. The guests were delighted with their visit and we are still hearing compliments about the meal.

As the girls are all young, the oldest only sixteen, they deserve commendation for doing all the house-work, laundry and cooking and the meals are served promptly, not varying more than ten or fifteen minutes in a year. The boys, too, come in for their share of honorable mention, for they grow the crops, tend the herd, mow the lawns, gather the harvest and do the many chores of a large family. Of course all the work is carried on under the supervision of the members of the staff of workers, who labor faithfully to teach and train the children. A small village has grown up in the orchard back of the main building, inhabited by the pet chickens of the boys. Much hammering goes on as buildings are enlarged and repaired, and young roosters make the echoes in the early morning hours. Bantams and other varieties live in the village and rabbits also share the domain. Of course we have cats and dogs. We believe that while you can bring up a dog without a boy, it is difficult to bring up a boy without a dog. There have been many kinds of this faithful creature among us: "mongrel, puppy, whelp and hound and cur of low degree" (perhaps

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Our Mountain Work

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WANTED 20,000 CHRISTIANS

TRAINEES FOR SPIRITUAL DEFENSE

The closing words of the 1943 Leadership Training School at Montreat were spoken by Dr. Patrick H. Carmichael. He made an earnest appeal to the Church to double the enrollment in Leadership Training Classes throughout the denomination during the current church year. Dr. Carmichael reported ten thousand as the total enrollment for the past year, and urges twenty thousand as the goal for this year.

Hundreds of Presbyterians in Asheville Presbytery have been finding time to answer our government's call for special training in various programs for defense. Hours are being spent in Red Cross rooms or in other forms of vital national service. All of this is commendable, and without such patriotic devotion we could not look forward to a successful conclusion of the things to which we have set ourselves as a nation.

"We will win the war by force of arms, but we will not win the peace that way." In these words, Dr. Carmichael challenges the whole Church to a like fidelity to the spiritual things of life, that the Church may be strong in the days when the State has ushered in an era of peace through material forces. Every Church in Asheville Presbytery should have a Leadership Training Class or School during the church year.

Information regarding the organization and administration of such a school or individual class may be had by addressing the office of the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery; or Dr. James M. Carr, 1806 Rose Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn, Religious Education Director of the Synod; or Dr. Carmichael, Presbyterian Building, Richmond (9), Va.

Courses can be chosen to meet the needs of elders and deacons, parents, executive officers of church

Home Mission Emergency Fund

1943 Committee

Chairman and Director: Rev. R. E. McClure.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., Rev. T. A. Painter, D.D., Rev. J. C. Plexico.

Laymen: J. T. Bailey, Canton; R. E. Burton, Weaverville; L. B. Ordway, Asheville.

Asheville Presbytery endorsed the second annual campaign at the meeting on July 13, and voted to accept any reasonable goal to be adopted by the Synod of Appalachia.

Synod's Committee will recommend a goal for 1943, as follows:

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|---------------|-------------|
| Asheville 15% | \$ 3,130.65 |
| Holston 21% | 4,382.91 |
| Abingdon 21% | 4,382.91 |
| Knoxville 43% | 8,974.53 |
| Total | \$20,871.00 |

The Campaign Committee is authorized to apportion the total asked of the Presbytery to the various churches and direct the raising of this money. This will be done shortly.

The money is to be raised in connection with the Home Mission Study Period, October 3 - November 7, as a part of a fund of \$335,000 asked of the whole Church.

Last year Asheville Presbytery raised \$300.00 more than the quota assigned, all of which was returned according to agreement. A similar plan this year will release all in excess of \$3,130.65 for special use in Asheville Presbytery.

After a proportionate share of the normal self-denial offering for Home Missions and the expense of the campaign has been deducted, the Presbytery will receive 25 percent of what is given by the Presbytery. In addition, there may be a special appropriation to some local project. This will be determined in the light of needs throughout the whole Church.

Local churches are asked to begin at once in planning to have every local organization participate in the campaign. The first step is to plan to have each organization is fully informed. This should be done in October.

Every member of the congregation should be given a personal opportunity to participate in the offering during Self-Denial Week, November 1-7.

Asheville Presbytery can and must exceed the record of last year.

schools, and teachers. Schools may be for one congregation, for a group of Presbyterian Churches, or on an interdenominational basis.

If we have the time to winning the war, we should also take the time to prepare and plan for winning the peace.

AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

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in 1885 and once in 1886. Today two of his sons are on that Session. Another son is a deacon.

When the Church School was organized in July, 1882, under Rev. W. W. Ratchford, their first pastor, Mr. Robbins was made superintendent. The School had an enrollment of twenty-five. Today Mr. Ratchford's grandson, Rev. W. D. Ratchford, is pastor. The Church School enrollment has reached 105, against a church membership of 62. Mr. Robbins is still superintendent.

The pastor of this congregation from 188 to 1890 was Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., beloved founder of Mountain Orphanage. Mr. Robbins continued his contacts with Dr. Smith by correspondence for over forty years. He was a rural mail carrier by occupation and once found a letter addressed to him from Paris, France. It was Dr. Smith remembering an old friend.

Mr. Robbins, now 87, has retired from his mail route. He still is active, walking about his 210-acre farm, and lives at his home, at Lowrys, S. C., where his grandchildren live with him. He says: "I work my little patches, still plow some, and work my garden."

Only twice has he had a doctor and that was over 55 years ago—once for chills and once for some bronchial condition. He attributes his health and long life to his regularity in work and his ability to laugh.

His laugh is hearty and contagious. It is symbolic of his capacities as a leader who inspires others to worthwhile living. His example in voluntarily seeking to add to his knowledge of the work of the Church School became an inspiration to others like minded. A gathering of leaders like Mr. Robbins is an index of the rising tide of spiritual life in the Church as a whole.

HAVE YOU RECITED THE CATECHISM?

Mr. W. H. Belk, prominent Presbyterian layman of Charlotte, has a standing offer of One Dollar for reciting the Child's Catechism and Two Dollars for reciting the Shorter Catechism. It includes Asheville Presbytery, according to his recent statement. There is no age limit.

This is in addition to the New Testament and Bible given by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication for the same recitations. There are two requirements made by Mr. Belk. First, a minister or Church School superintendent must certify to the accuracy of the recitation. Second, the names of those making the recitation must be given.

Our Mountain Work would like to know how many recitations have been heard this summer. Reports may be sent us and they will be forwarded to Mr. Belk. Please give the age of all children so reciting either the Child's or the Shorter Catechism and any unusual circumstances connected with the recitations. In the future send in all names as soon as recitation is made. **Do not report recitations prior to this summer.**

AUXILIARY

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September is "loyalty" month in the Woman's Auxiliary program. With the passing of vacation periods, there is the urge to get back to the full support of the church work.

Loyalty to Christ and His Church demands a portion of time and thought daily. There must be time for the reading of the Bible and prayer and instruction for children in the home. So the emphasis in the Auxiliary meeting is the Christian home. We are accustomed to many kinds of insurance—health, life, accident, fire, theft—the family altar offers the greatest insurance of all—a safe, happy, wholesome Christian home, which is the bulwark of the nation.

Loyalty to Christ and His Church demands that all church organizations take stock in September and study the program of the Advance as outlined in the July issue of "Our Mountain Work," and plan to make the work of the church more effective. Eighteen churches in Asheville Presbytery are lined up with the Advance. More churches in the Synod of Appalachia are actively promoting the Advance than any other Synod in the General Assembly—but even so, every opportunity must be met with the fullest co-operation.

Rally Day for our Sunday School is October 3. Our Committee on Religious Education and Publication urges that this "be employed by teachers and superintendents as an occasion for challenging Presbyterian children, youth and parents to more regular Sunday-school attendance, to a higher sense of loyalty to our Church, to a fuller appreciation of their personal responsibility for meeting the added burdens upon our Church in this emergency, and to a realization of the great doors of opportunity that open before Christians in days like these."

MISS JEAN LISTON

Miss Jean Liston, Field Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, will be in Asheville Presbytery, September 20-27, to visit local Auxiliaries, Group Conferences, etc. Districts One and Two will have a combined Group Conference in Asheville First Church on Friday, September 24.

A special meeting for young people will be arranged for Sunday afternoon, September 26, to hear Miss Liston. This will also be held at the First Church, Asheville. Those desiring to use Miss Liston are asked to write: Mrs. Preston Thomas, 277 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville.

Young People's Rallies

Two Fall Rallies will be held in August as follows: Weaverville, August 23, and Waynesville, August 27. The first rallies held by the young people were promoted as a part of Presbyterian Meetings. The growth in attendance and interest in these ten years has been remarkable.

Mrs. Paul N. Gresham, Secretary of Religious Education.

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not quoted correctly) but apparently the pedigree makes no difference in the affection bestowed by loyal boyish hearts.

Every summer the Bible School is one of the most important features of our program. The final exercises of the four weeks' course were held in the assembly room, a most interesting program showing that much faithful teaching and studying had been accomplished. The theme for the course was "The Christian Soldier," and the motto, "Be strong in the Lord." The Misses Currell were assisted at the piano by Miss Eunice Long, and the music by the children was unusually well rendered.

A shadow of sorrow was cast over us by the death of Dr. W. S. Currell, father of our teachers, but like the great Christians they are they carried on and completed the work with cheerfulness and fortitude.

So much is done for our children that Miss Mary Currell felt they should be given an opportunity to help others. So she conceived the idea of having a bank to collect gifts for the building fund of the Black Mountain Church, a project to be undertaken in the unknown future, but a vision and a hope. A pig bank was placed in the assembly room and the children of the Bible School and the older boys and girls finding the pig empty and hungry took great delight in filling him up. One little boy had his dime changed into pennies so he could have the fun of putting in ten coins. When commencement night arrived we had as our guest our pastor, Rev. Leland Edmunds, who made a short talk and closed the exercises with prayer. The pig was presented to him with fitting ceremonies and when the bank was opened he counted \$11.68. He was much surprised and pleased at this expression of interest by the young people and told the story at the following church service as a suggestion and an inspiration to others. Many of us remember that when Dr. R. P. Smith first made an appeal for money to build the Orphanage a little girl brought him 11 cents and asked him to take it and build a home for the homeless children. He delighted to say that that first offering did build the home. We trust this \$11.00 may be a step forward toward our goal.

School begins about the 23rd of August, and the children, for the most part, are eager to start the session. As a final summer outing about sixteen of the smaller and middle-size boys will be guests of the Asheville Y.M.C.A. at Camp Elliott for a week. They are counting the hours until they go on the 10th.

Our visitors from the Army in recent weeks have been Second Lieutenant Hoyt Gaines and Private Ray Hyatt, of Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The latter is in an engineer corps. He likes the Army very much. He says it is hard, but fair. His training is tough and dangerous, but he accepts it in firm spirit. He

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YOUNG PEOPLE

News of local Leagues should be sent to Miss Dabney Adams, 324 Westover Drive, Asheville, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

FALL RALLIES

Due to transportation difficulties, the Young People of Asheville Presbytery will hold two rallies this fall, one at Weaverville on August 23, and the other at Waynesville on August 30. The Young People from Asheville First Church, Oak Forest, Kenilworth, Weaverville, Brittain Cove, Red Oak, Ivy Park, Dillingham, West Asheville, Black Mountain, Swannanoa, Montreat, Brevard, Mills River, Etowah and Hendersonville will go to the rally at Weaverville. Those from Andrews, Robbinsville, Bryson City, Franklin, Morrison, Hayesville, Highlands, Murphy, Sylva, Bethel, Hazelwood, White Oak, Waynesville and Canton will attend the Waynesville Rally.

The two rallies will follow a similar program, beginning at 4:00 P.M. with registration. There will be four discussion groups, led by four of the ministerial students who have been in our Presbytery this summer, assisted by our Council members.

Young People attending the Rally may enter into any discussion group that they wish. These groups will be as follows:

1. "Preparing To Be A Christian In College," led by John McLeod, assisted by Mary Ann Dendy at Weaverville, John Crockett at Waynesville.

2. "What Constitutes A Worship Program," led by Don Williams, assisted by Sarah Reid at Weaverville, George Robertson at Waynesville.

3. "Sabbath Observance," led by Walter Baldwin, assisted by Marjorie Jordan at Weaverville, Dorothy Richeson at Waynesville.

4. "Personal Religious Living," led by Frances McLeod at Weaverville, Dwight Beatty at Waynesville.

Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches for supper; a drink will be served by the Church.

The inspirational speakers will be announced later. Each rally will close with a short business session.

All Young People in the Presbytery are urged to attend one of the rallies. The discussion groups, the inspirational addresses and the fellowship with Young People from other churches will be of benefit to everyone. It's up to us to make these the best rallies we've ever had.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Each local Young People's Group is asked to send to Frances McLeod, 54 Covington Street, West Asheville, a list containing the names, addresses and position on the Council of each Council member.

—Dabney Adams.

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tells us that most of the commanding officers are God-fearing men and are trying to help the soldiers to live the right kind of life. Though he expects to be sent overseas after this furlough, he does not shrink from his hard duty. First Lieutenant Fred Snyder, of the Signal Corps, has already sailed. How much we need to remember these fine boys in our prayers. They are Christian boys and we know they can never go beyond our Father's love and care.

A friend, Mr. Thomas Waddell, of Greensboro, having become interested in one of our girls has led his Sunday School Class of young boys to buy a \$25.00 War Bond for the Orphanage. It is very gratifying when our finished product makes such a fine impression and gains new friends for the Home. We are truly grateful to Mr. Waddell and his pupils and welcome them cordially to our circle.

Occasionally someone asks if the great army hospital across the road is any disadvantage to us. This plant has grown up by us in the last year and we know very little about it. Except for the noise of the bulldozer, always scraping and leveling ground, the pleasant sound of the bugle and the band and the voice of the drill sergeant, we scarcely know there is a large village next door. Indeed, even the curiosity of the children is satisfied and we can gratefully say that the hospital presents no problem to us. As for seeing the wounded brought in, it would be impossible for any outsider to see them even if one should desire to do so. The brass buttons, no longer a rarity, have no attraction for our girls as they have plenty of boy associates at home and at school. So all anxious friends may rest assured that we have no contacts with the hospital that are not safe and pleasant.

—M.P.G.

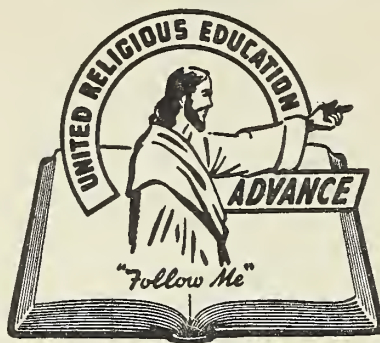
AT MILLS RIVER

Mills River Presbyterian Church had a series of special services, August 1st through August 8th, in which the messages were delivered by the Rev. R. E. McClure, who is the Executive Secretary of Asheville Presbytery. The sermons were all messages from the Gospel according to John, with a special added feature. At the very beginning, Mr. McClure explained how each one present could get credit for a Leadership Training Course Unit.

Four things were required in order to get this credit: Read the entire Gospel according to John during the week; attend at least eight of ten services; locate and write out the twenty-five "Verily, Verily" passages in this Gospel; and memorize the texts of his sermons. This feature was popular with the congregation, and fourteen will receive certificates.

In many ways our Church and community have been blessed. Ten united with the Church on profession of faith and one upon re-statement. Two others are to join later on profession.

Rev. D. R. Freeman, Pastor.



1943-1944 EMPHASIS

THE HOME

Behold, a certain son had two parents.

And one of these parents said unto the son, "Give us for the next ten years that portion of time and strength which we have pledged to thee."

And the son divided among them that time and strength which rightfully belonged unto the child.

And not many days after, these parents gathered all together and took their journey into a far country, and there wasted their time and strength on that which concerned not their child.

And behold, there was a daughter also in that home, but her mother knew her not. For while this parent spent much time in play, it was always with other women and never with her daughter.

And lo, she attended musicals and lectures, and read books and magazines for her own entertainment and pleasure, yet she never shared them with her daughter.

And this parent became popular and honored throughout that whole region, for all women knew her in person or by reputation, but withal her home knew her not.

And likewise the prodigal father spent his waking moments in riotous selfishness. And he was successful in business and saving money, but in so doing he was losing his boy. And he called himself a good provider. And moreover, when evening came this father spent his time with other men, or when at home, with his face buried deep in the evening paper, while his son longed for the fellowship of his father.

And lo, after a few years there came a great famine in the souls of these parents, and they began to be in want, and to be hungry for the life that satisfies. And in their despair they joined themselves to more pleasure and they fain would have filled their souls with the real pleasures of life; but no business office, nor amusement place, or club, gave them what they sought.

And when they came to themselves they said: "We have made a great mistake; we perish with hunger for our children; we will arise and go unto our children and say unto them, 'We have sinned against heaven and home, and you, our children; we are no more worthy to be called your parents; let us, we beseech you, become as your companions.'"

And so these parents rose up hastily and returned to their former abiding place. And while they were afar off, alas, no son ran to meet

them and no daughter fell on their necks and kissed them. But instead they heard the blare of radio in jazz; the sound of laughter without joy; the clink of ice in tall glasses.

And in great heartsickness they crept into the house and looked on their children.

And behold, at what they saw, they were sorely grieved in their hearts, and they cried out with a loud voice: "Bring us instead of the best robe, the sackcloth, and put it about us; no rings for our fingers; no shoes for our feet; no fatted calf for our table; let us not eat and be merry, but fast and be sad; for as parents we were alive, but are dead; were found, but are lost."

And in that day was the Scripture fulfilled which saith:

"There was a voice heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be comforted."
—Author Unknown.

SYNOD MEETS

The invitation of the Johnson City (Tenn.) Presbyterian Church has been accepted, and the Synod of Appalachia will meet there on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 8:00 P.M., E.W.T.

GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION

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state, whose money had given out, conferred with officials of a local bank. During the interview one of the pastors remarked that he had been thinking for some time of the need of an organization with a worker giving his whole time to this particular service. And, pointing to the other pastor, he added: 'Here is the man who above all others is best fitted for this work.' After a series of conferences, with religious leaders and social workers of the city, 'The Mission of the Good Samaritan' was formally organized December 1, 1911, and Rev. J. S. Williams was released from the pastorate by the governing body of his church to become chaplain of the Mission.

The Mission has no present organizational connection with the local churches, but through the presence of five local ministers on the Board of Directors and the fact that the chaplain has always been a minister of the Gospel the Church has had a definite "stake" in the control of the Mission. Until 1922 the funds for administration and relief were received from churches, fraternal organizations and individuals by direct appeal for their support. Because, of its welfare service it became an agency of the Community Chest when that organization of co-operative appeal for funds was begun in Asheville in 1922. Since that date the financial support has come from the use of a legacy, an annual allotment from the Community Chest Fund and from interested individuals. Offices are maintained in the Legal Building on Pack Square, with an office secretary, Miss Marguerite Young.

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SUMMER WORK AND WORKERS

By Pastors Assisted

Weaverville -- North
Buncombe

Mr. Donald Williams, of Columbia Theological Seminary, has been with us for the summer months, June, July and August. For the first two weeks in June he visited the people in Brittain's Cove field, helping with the Sunday School there and preaching on each Sabbath morning throughout the summer. For the week of June 14 he was with us in our Young People's Conference at Montreat, serving as Councilor for Vacation Bible School at Weaverville and taught a class each day. For the week of July 5 through July 16 he helped with the two weeks' Bible School in Brittain's Cove Church. From July 19 to 30 he had Daily Vacation Bible School at Red Oak. Aug. 15-22 he assisted with special evangelistic services at Brittain's Cove, leading the singing in these services and doing personal visitation and pastoral work. He has also assisted in the afternoons (Sunday) with the work at Red Oak and at Jupiter, and has helped our Young People's Work in Weaverville and has preached in the evening service at Weaverville for about half the time during the summer.

We have found Mr. Williams a very fine helper and feel that his work for the summer has been of lasting value. The prayers of all of our people will go up in his behalf as we follow him in his work back to the Seminary. It has indeed been a blessing to us to have him with us this summer. —Henry B. Dendy.

Asheville First

During June, July, and August, Mr. John McLeod, of Aberdeen, N. C., who has completed his first year at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., has been the student assistant in this Church. During this period, Mr. McLeod has conducted the Daily Vacation Bible School, made surveys for out-post Sunday Schools in two communities, and served as counsellor to the Pioneer and Senior Fellowship groups of young people in the local church. He has assisted the pastor in conducting the morning services (Continued on Page 2)

RALLY To Your Church RALLY DAY



Religious Education Week is Sept.
26 - Oct. 3. Is your Church
ready to Advance?

OUR MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

To The Churches Of
Asheville Presbytery

Dear Friends:

The Editor of *Our Mountain Work* has asked that, as a member of our Presbytery and as Moderator of the General Assembly, I send him a letter for publication in the issue in which he wishes to place special emphasis on the beginning of the second year of the Religious Education Advance. Probably there are some in the membership of our churches who do not know clearly just what the Religious Education Advance is and what it seeks to accomplish. A very brief statement suffices to set this movement and its purposes before us: "The United Religious Education Advance is a four-year effort on the part of every Presbyterian congregation to reach every person in every community with the Christian message, and to improve and extend our Church's program of Religious Education as it works through the home, the church, and the community. It is the purpose of (Continued on Page 4)

BOYS AND GIRLS AT ORPHANAGE

By Mrs. J. H. Gruver

The shaking down process for the fall has been about completed.

The hammering and sawing and painting at the excellent new barn have ceased and it was ready just in time for the fine crop of hay to be stored for the winter. This was the best haying season we have had for years. The young calves for the milk herd and the beef cattle will be housed in this barn when winter arrives and we believe it will give good results. We are deeply grateful for the lumber given by a friend who through the years has been most generous to us.

Every child is well and settled in school and an amazing quiet prevails in the big house for six or seven hours a day. This silence is suddenly changed at 3:30 P.M. when the bus rolls in and deposits 60-odd youngsters who immediately run to their work or play. The little boys and girls gather the dropped apples and what they don't eat are cooked for the meals. The gardens are getting pretty bare now, but there are still roasting ears and a few late tomatoes, enough for table use. Many have been canned and we "point with pride" to the other things put away for the winter. These stores with canned goods which are always given by the churches at Thanksgiving time, will feed the family this winter. Crowder peas as just coming in. They are something like black-eye peas, only better, and the crop is good. These vegetables with an abundant supply of milk, our own meat, chickens and eggs provide a wholesome diet for the children and they thrive on it.

The summer has been a peaceful, uneventful season. We have had no serious accidents nor illnesses. Dr. Nelson Bell, of Swannanoa, is very good to us and looks after us as much as his crowded days will permit. Five new children arrived just in time for him to remove their tonsils before school opened. They are all quite well again and no doubt will be much improved in every way.

We enjoyed an afternoon's visit from Rev. R. E. McClure, his wife and mother in the past month. He was interested in getting acquainted with the work here and in taking pictures of different groups of the children. We have received five little boys and twelve girls in the past few weeks, and they are becoming (Continued on Page 6)

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and in the administration of the religious education work of the Church.

Mr. McLeod has made for himself a permanent place in the affections and esteem of the officers and members of this congregation. It is with the keenest regret that we see him go. We shall follow him with our earnest prayers. —C. Grier Davis.

Kenilworth -- Arden

Mr. Walter P. Baldwin, Jr., a student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., during the

months of June, July and August worked faithfully and efficiently at Arden, in Kenilworth, in the Intermediate Conference at Montreat, and in Y. P. Rallies at Weaverville and Waynesville. Notice the following statistics:

Arden: Eleven Sunday preachings (afternoon), three Sunday School lessons, two prayer meetings, a five-day Bible School study course on Church Membership, more than one hundred visits in community and outlying country, seven revival sermons.

Young People: A five-day study course in Intermediate Conference on Pathways to God, two one-hour discussion groups on Sabbath Observance at Y. P. Rallies at Weaverville and Waynesville.

Kenilworth: Two Sunday morning worship services, four Sunday night worship services, twelve Sunday School lessons, a ten-day Bible School course on How to Use the Bible, directed the school, four Circle and Auxiliary devotionals, four Y. P. talks, two Y. P. studies on Luke, one junior deacon address, pastoral visiting during June and August with Mr. Gresham.

Mr. Baldwin is sure of his calling. He has a great love for people, a sympathetic and understanding nature, a splendid knowledge of the Bible, and a power to express himself in public. His beautiful spirit of co-operation, his sincerity, his good humor, his unassuming friendly nature and his fine spiritual qualities won for him the respect and most affectionate regard of the people at Arden and Kenilworth.

—P. N. Gresham.

Bryson City -- Sylva

Mr. R. G. Schwanebeck spent the first two weeks assisting in the Vacation Bible School at Bryson City. On the first two Sundays of June Mr. Schwanebeck assisted in the morning worship in the Bryson City Church.

The third week of June he spent in Montreat as a counselor for the senior boys during Asheville Presbytery's Young People's Conference.

On June 21 Mr. Schwanebeck moved to Sylva, where he was able to give more attention to the work there until he left to return to the Seminary on September 2.

Until he arrived, the Sylva Church had been able to have preaching services only on the first and third Sunday evenings. Mr. Schwanebeck began having services each Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. During his stay the average attendance at these services was 15, the maximum 22. Several persons who had had no religious interest for years were led into an interest in the Sunday School and the Church.

Mr. Schwanebeck conducted a

seven-day Bible School. Twenty children, of all denominations, were enrolled, and 14 were awarded certificates. A young people's choir was organized which for a time led the singing at the church services.

During the months of July and August the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in Sylva conducted outdoor union services each Sunday evening. Mr. Schwanebeck took some active part in each of these services.

The best work that Mr. Schwanebeck did during the summer was his constant visitation. His entire work for the summer was marked for its sincerity and diligence, and several of the congregation have expressed their appreciation for his presence in their homes as a guest and a counselor.

—Chas. M. Robinson, Jr.

Malvern Hills

Mr. W. K. Fitch, of Richmond, Va., was our supply pastor at Malvern Hills during the summer, and under the sponsorship of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church he did a very fine job. We wish him Godspeed as he goes back to his seminary work.

The work established there has gone beyond all expectations. With only ten in Sunday School at the start, it has increased to an average attendance of about forty. The worship service started off with about the same number, with only one worship service a Sunday. Later an evening service was added. The attendance at both of these services has been good, with about thirty-five at the morning service, and about twenty-five at the evening service.

During the summer there was a Vacation Church School, with an enrollment of about fifty. Also, a meeting was held each night of the two weeks' school with splendid results. At this writing nineteen have already signed a paper requesting Asheville Presbytery to grant them permission to establish a church there to be known as the "Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church."

A good second-hand piano and two new stoves have been bought, both rooms have been repainted inside and out, many repairs have been made, and a very fine equipment secured for an outpost. All of this is paid for, and there is a small balance in the bank.

The Rev. F. K. Brown, a member of our Presbytery, has taken charge of the work. Future plans for the new work include mid-week prayer service and choir rehearsal each week. This work is located at the corner of Old Haywood Road and Sulphur Springs Road. Drive by and see it whenever you can.

—J. Clyde Plexico.

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1943 GOALS

The special committee on the Home Mission Emergency Fund for Asheville Presbytery met on September 7 and adopted definite goals for each of the thirty churches. These goals were ordered sent to the churches and published in the October issue of Our Mountain Work.

The Presbytery will be assigned a quota, according to a report to be presented to the Synod, of \$3,160.65 for this year. Last year the goal set by the Synod was \$3,022.50, which was substantially increased by the Presbytery, so that in effect the amount being asked this year is actually less than last year.

Twenty-five percent of the first \$3,160.65 received at Atlanta will immediately be returned for use in the Presbytery. The remaining 75 percent will be returned only on the basis of specific needs determined on a church-wide basis. All over and above the \$3,160.65 will be returned to the Presbytery.

November 7, or the nearest date prior thereto, is the time urged for the taking of this offering in the Church and in each separate organization as well.

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| Assembly's Goal | \$335,000.00 |
| Synod's Goal | 20,871.00 |
| Presbytery's Goal .. . | 3,130.65 |

Your Church. See the Chairman of your Board of Deacons.

*THE HOME MISSION EMERGENCY FUND
IN ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY*

1942

Twenty-six of the thirty churches of the Presbytery sent in a total of \$3,314 through the office of the Presbytery's Treasurer, including a special gift of \$525.00, which carried the Presbytery over the top.

Four churches did not send anything at all, but one of these four was not then a member of this Presbytery.

1943

It is confidently expected that all thirty churches will have a part in raising more in 1943 than was raised in 1942.

It is confidently expected that the Presbytery will go well over the top again in 1943.

It is earnestly requested that every Church begin at once to take their full place in this important undertaking.

For further information write the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery, 409 Wachovia Building, Asheville, N. C., or the address in the advertisement below. Pray! Plan! Give! Rejoice!

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MR. ROBBINS WRITES

A copy of the picture from which our cut was made and of the August issue was sent to Mr. T. J. Robbins, Lowrys, S. C., who was a delegate to the Annual Superintendents' Conference at Montreat in July. The following letter was received, under date of August 25:

"Pictures and Mountain Work received. I am enclosing check for one dollar for subscription for your Mountain Work. I appreciate your interest in my work for the Master. ***

"Since I came home from Montreat I have recited the Shorter Catechism. I have received a nice Bible and diploma from The Christian Observer. My mother taught me to do unto others as I would have them do unto me. She so instilled it into me I have always lived up to this great law.

"I have never asked my people to do anything that I would not do myself. I have led my people in every advance of our little church. ***

"Rev. R. P. Smith, D.D., was one of the most loyal friends that I ever had in the ministry. He gave me his book on the home mission work in the mountains of N. C.

"I hope we will have the pleasure of meeting again.

"Yours in the bonds of Christ.
(Signed) T. J. Robbins."

Montreat President To Retire

Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., president, treasurer and manager of the Mountain Retreat Association, has announced his purpose to retire from active management of the Association as soon as the Board of Directors can secure a man to succeed him.

Dr. Anderson has served the Association thirty-three years, the first year of which time he served as a committee of one to devise ways and means to liquidate the indebtedness of the Association, and for thirty-two years he has served as its president.

His announcement came in the form of a communication to the Board which was read by Dr. J. R. Cunningham, of Davidson. A special committee was appointed to nominate a man for the presidency and to present a plan of organization for the management of the affairs of the Association and to define the duties and responsibilities of the president and such other officers and assistants as may be needed, and report to the Board.

Church Schools

"All but eight of those who signed the Declaration of Independence came out of denominational colleges. Today only one-third of college graduates come out of denominational schools. But 70 percent of all college graduates in 'Who's Who In America' came from denominational colleges."—President Pat. M. Neff, of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

BRIDGMAN LEAVES HIGHLANDS

To Columbia, Sept. 1st.

"Thank you, Mr. Bridgman, you have done a good work. We will miss you in Asheville Presbytery, and we wish you God-speed in your new work."

Rev. Harold T. Bridgman has been at Highlands as temporary supply for over two years. His work there has reflected hard work and a consecration to his Master. He goes to a larger field in West Columbia (S. C.) Our Mountain Work extends the good-will of the Presbytery, of which he was a recent Moderator and to which he was always loyal.

Mr. Bridgman was a missionary at Yencheng, China, for twenty years. He and his family were evacuated from China in 1940. He hopes to return to the mission field if the way opens in the future.

OUR MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

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this movement to confront every person outside of the Church with Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, and at the same time to help those already in the Church to become increasingly Christlike in their daily living."

This program is not for ministers only. If you are a member of the Church and if you are loyal to Christ and the things for which His Church stands, then this is your program. It has to do with you, with your home, your church, and your community. In putting this program before us the General Assembly of our Church calls upon you to show your loyalty to Christ and His Church in four distinct yet closely related ways:

1. Maintain a Christian home, a home in which God is known and revered. Let your religion begin at home, and make your home a place of love and peace and purity of thought and language. The home puts a lasting mark upon those who grow up in it and go out from it. Let your home be a place which always will be held in grateful affection and to which your children and your friends will look back with loving memories. The best thing you can help give to your family, your church and your community is a thoroughly Christian home.

2. Be loyal to your church, and contribute a part of your time and money and much of your service and prayer to aid in the things which the church is seeking to do. The Red Cross, Civilian Defense and various other forms of war activities make great demands upon our time and strength and on our resources. Save some of yourself and your service for the Church. The Church is the thing of supreme importance in all ages and especially in this tragic and troubled age in which we live today. Our society and civilization, if they are to be worthy of God's favor and blessing, must be built upon the ideals and principles which find expression in the Church. The Church above all other institutions and organizations

claims your loyalty — your willing, practical, thorough-going devotion.

3. Help to strengthen and enrich the influence of your Church in your community by becoming increasingly Christlike in your own daily living. The Christian is intended to grow in Christlikeness in character and to be a living witness to Christ and the Christian way of life. "Christians are the Bible which the world reads." Your manner of life and expression will determine the way in which many in your community will think about your Church.

4. Try to lead some other man, woman or young person to faith in Christ, and to membership in His Church. You will never really understand and fully enjoy your own religion until you are sharing it with another person. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," said Christ. Your faith in Him is not real and satisfying unless you are willing to tell others about it. Pray by name for those in your community who are not Christians, talk to God about them and you will find it much easier to talk to them about God.

If every Church in our Presbytery had even a few members who would pray and work to get others to accept Christ and join His Church we would have a real Advance. This is what your pastor is doing, but he cannot do your part. He cannot live your life, nor bear your witness.

With affectionate and fraternal greetings.

Donald W. Richardson,
Moderator.

Thanksgiving Expectations

Last year prices on all living costs had begun to rise and we feared a deficit unless our friends came to our aid with an unusually liberal offering. We asked for \$4,000 and this amount was received. Thus we closed the year without debt.

We are all aware of the fact that prices are now even higher and the cost of running the institution has increased accordingly. No one wants a deficit this year. To avoid this we are asking for \$5,000 this time. We want you to be thinking, praying and planning with us that this goal may be reached.

J. H. Gruver, Supt.

God's Strange Answers

He was a Christian and he prayed.

He asked for strength that he might do greater things; but he was given infirmity that he might do better things.

He asked for riches that he might be happy; he was given poverty that he might be wise.

He asked for power that he might have the praise of men; he was given weakness that he might feel the need of God.

He asked for all things that he might enjoy life; he was given life that he might enjoy all things.

He had received nothing that he asked for; all that he had hoped for.

His prayer is answered, he is most blessed.

GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION

ASHEVILLE PROJECT

(By Rev. H. V. Lofquist, Chaplain-Member Asheville Presbytery).

(Continued From Last Month)

The Mission is a membership organization governed by a board of 25 directors, of which Dr. R. F. Campbell has been president since its organization in 1911. The invested funds are managed by five trustees, the chairman of which is Mr. Burnham S. Colburn, Sr., president of the First National Bank of Asheville. A group of interested women form a "Women's Auxiliary" assisting in the various activities of the Mission.

Since the establishment and spread of welfare and health departments in recent years by the federal, state, county and city governments the local situation with regard to welfare has changed in Asheville, as well as elsewhere. However, there remains the definite need for a private agency which is the friend of Public Welfare, co-operating intimately in meeting human needs.

Governmental welfare and health agencies function under restrictions set up by law for the protection of the taxpayer and the channelling of their service. But, cases are constantly arising, especially of an emergency nature, where governmental agencies are not able to function. There are also cases where governmental agencies can go only so far in meeting particular situations, but which is not enough for actual human welfare. The flexible private agency co-operates and assists in working out actual case solutions. Also, a private agency may represent an individual or family in need before the Public Welfare Department, should such an agency be responsible for the case. We must recognize the actualities in a political framework within which Public Welfare functions, so the private agency as friend both to the case in need and the Public Welfare acts as aid and corrective in the out-working of the democratic process in the interest of human welfare.

The spiritual content, we may say the Christian content, of welfare work must be openly declared and actively demonstrated. That is done in many ways. We recognize that public- and tax-supported welfare or social security has a spiritual content through the Christian character of its personnel, but the Church must also declare it in many other different ways. Insofar, as the churches are allied with and support the organization of the Mission they are active in the field of social welfare through the Mission. It is also an agency of the Community Chest for this definite purpose of social welfare. It is known that a minister of the Gospel is chaplain of the Mission. The Mission's part in social service is thus known to have a distinctly spiritual content.

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The actual case which led the Mission into organized existence in 1911 involved physical health as well as an economic factor. Since that time the sanatoria, convalescent and nursing homes in and around Asheville have been considered in a special way "the parish of the Mission." The need for an agency expressing a co-operative approach by the local churches to this "parish" is seen in the fact that a recent survey of one sanatorium revealed that the twenty-six patients were from eight different states and among the twenty-six there were eleven religious denominations represented. In another sanatorium of twenty-one patients only one was from the State of North Carolina. There are at least 500 such individuals in the Asheville area (not counting war veterans) who must be given pastoral attention. The Mission is the co-operative approach to serve these people in the full scope of John's three-phase prayer.

As a private welfare agency with 32 years' background of openly expressed spiritual emphasis the Mission helps to represent the spiritual among and to the welfare agencies of Asheville. (The chaplain of the Mission is the only ordained minister belonging to the Asheville Association of Executives of Social Agencies). The Mission emphasizes economic and health phases of human well-being among and to the churches. The Mission exists to express the concern of churches and the general community for those who reside in the sanatoria and the

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AUXILIARY

News of local Auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Montreat, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

We are to observe Home Mission Season, Oct. 3 to Nov. 7, this year.

Every church member is urged to read "Strangers No Longer," by Annie B. Kerr. The leaflet, "Plans," outlining the Observance of Home Mission Season in local Churches, may be had from your pastor or Auxiliary president. Also a church-wide study of the booklet, "Retrospect And Prospect," prepared by the Assembly's Home Mission Council, which presents Home Mission Emergency Fund, should be used.

We urge the women to continue their loyal support of the Home Mission Emergency Fund Campaign in this its second year. Now, more than ever, do we as women need to have greater faith, love and loyalty in supporting all church activities.

May we recognize that the primary task of Home Missions is to win men, women and children to Christ.

May we realize—even in this great crisis, and days when we are so anxious for the safety of our loved ones, in distant countries, who are keeping watch for our safety—that Christ is a Christ of power. Help us to carry on at home with as much courage as it takes for our men to carry on on the battlefields.

Let's make Home Missions mean more than ever this year. Praying that God's will may be accomplished, and that peace may come, a peace that shall be based on the life and principles of the Prince of Peace.

—Mrs. Leslie Brooks, Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions.

Pre-Synod Conference THE HOME AND THE CHURCH WORKING TOGETHER

First Presbyterian Church
Johnson City, Tenn., Sept. 21, 1943,
2:00 P.M., E.W.T.

Sponsored By The Synod's
Religious Education
Committee

Theme: "Reach Every Person with Christian Teaching in the Home."

Dr. James L. Fowle, Chairman, presiding.

I. Devotional: "The Christian Home," Mrs. D. R. Beeson, Johnson City, Tenn.

II. The Home and the Advance," Rev. A. R. Batchelor, Richmond, Va., Director of Sunday School Administration for the Assembly.

III. Group Meetings.

1. The Home and the Church Working with Children, Rev. John Womeldorf, Richlands, Va.

2. The Home and the Church Working with Young People, Dr. H. B. Dendy, Weaverville, N. C.

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YOUNG PEOPLE

News of local Leagues should be sent to Miss Dabney Adams, 324 Westover Drive, Asheville, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

Special Notes

1. A copy of Our Mountain Work goes to the home of each member of the Young People's Council. Be sure to read it each month.

2. Any student at college may have Our Mountain Work mailed each month if a postal with correct college address is sent to 409 Wachovia Building, Asheville, N. C.

The Young People of Asheville Presbytery experimented this fall with having two rallies instead of the usual one. One section of the Presbytery met at Weaverville on August 23, and the other at Waynesville on August 30.

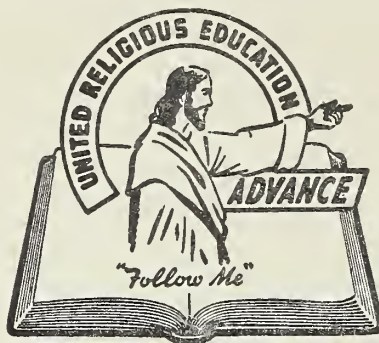
The rallies were most successful, and the attendance was unusually good, considering transportation difficulties and the fact that many of the young people had already started back to school. There were 86 present at the Weaverville rally, and about 50 at Waynesville.

All those who attended enjoyed it very much and felt greatly enriched by the experience. At Weaverville the young people from the Mountain Orphanage led the devotionals, and at Waynesville they were led by the Canton group. The inspirational addresses highlighted the two rallies. Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of Asheville Presbytery, spoke at Weaverville on the Beatitudes. At Waynesville Dr. J. T. Gillespie, Professor of Bible at Agnes Scott College, had as his topic, "I Will Make Ye Fishers Of Men."

Each rally included a business session, in which a new amendment to the constitution was discussed and passed. This amendment calls for the Council, both executive officers and highway chairmen, to be elected and installed at the spring rally. This will achieve greater efficiency during that important period of time between the spring rally and the Montreat Conference. Two provisions were added to the amendment: (1) College students who are unable to attend the rally will be considered for positions on the Council, and (2) There will always be just one rally held in the spring.

On September 26, all the young people of the Presbytery are invited to Asheville First Church to hear Miss Jean Liston. The meeting will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. All young people are urged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

If you have not already done so, send your mailing list to Frances McLeod, 24 Covington Street, West Asheville, N. C., and your yearly dues to Pat Reese, Hendersonville, N. C.



1943-1944 EMPHASIS THE HOME

The first year of the United Religious Education Advance is nearing its close and soon reports will be compiled to show the actual advances made by our whole Church in its concerted effort to "reach every individual with Christian religious education." The Advance is being promoted by the Executive Committee of Religious Education and frequently it has been said by the leaders that our own denomination has undertaken in a more vital way to carry the movement to a successful climax than others; also, that if all of the more than forty denominations working in the Advance movement were to emphasize the plan more positively, the ultimate goals could be attained in the four-year period set for the Advance.

More than half of the local churches in our General Assembly set up goals for the first year of the Advance, and reports on the achievement of these will be interesting. In these last six weeks of the first year emphasis, which was to orientate the Church on the Advance, and to organize thoroughly toward later accomplishment, it is desired that all goals set for this first year be attained. The second year of the Advance is to be launched during Religious Education Week, Sept. 26 to Oct. 3, and the emphasis for the year will be on the Christian home.

Leaders In The Advance

Assembly: Rev. A. R. Batchelor, Presbyterian Building, Richmond (9) Va.

Synod: Rev. James M. Carr, Th.D., 1806 Rose Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn.

Presbytery: Rev. R. E. McClure, 409 Wachovia Building, Asheville, N. C.

Presbyterial Group Conferences

Group No. 3: Hendersonville, Sept. 23, 10:30 A.M.

Groups 1-2-5: Asheville First, Sept. 24, 10:30 A.M.

Group 4: Haelwood, date to be announced.

Guest speaker: Miss Jean Liston, Field Secretary, Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. All conferences will have morning and afternoon sessions.

BOYS AND GIRLS

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adjusted to their new environment. Miss Roberts has already received offers from Circles and individuals who wish to have the pleasure of clothing these children. All but three are now provided for, the twelve-year-old twin sisters, Doris and Dorothy Ward and Betty June Roberts, nine, "going on" ten. Mrs. Smith has one little boy, Grady Reece, aged nine, who has not been "adopted." He needs someone's interest and care. These cool mornings there is a cry for sweaters to wear to school and the boys are hoping their "clothing people" will send some, and socks also, as they are much in need of these two articles of apparel.

It was so nice to have a visit from our fine-looking and fine young man, "Billy" Carter, now pfc. in the Marines. His brother, Ronald, also is doing well in the same. The sister, Rheba, with Ruby Watson have been transferred from her work at the Telephone Exchange in Asheville to the same kind of work in Atlanta, Ga. Georgia Smith and Marie Anne Foxx have returned from their pleasant experience of work in New York and the first is now taking a business course at Warren Wilson Junior College, Swannanoa, while Marie Anne will begin her course in nursing at Biltmore Hospital in September.

It is so fine when your children make you proud of them! If you could know as we do the sorrow and trouble in every family from which our children come, you would rejoice even more that you can help in providing for them in this Home—a place of light and happiness and security.

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convescent homes in the Asheville area.

A sample "statistical portrait" of the chaplain's and secretary's activities for a month are found in a partial summary for June: Outside visits 273, office visits 85, interviews 21, letters received 130, letters written 112, devotions led 21, assisted by auto 25, telephone messages 255, church talks 2, 4 weekly half-hour radio messages, meetings attended 18. In forty-four of the contacts the services rendered involved the handling of \$243.00.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

THE HOME AND THE CHURCH WORKING TOGETHER

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3. The Home and the Church Working with Adults, Dr. James L. Fowle, Chattanooga, Tenn.

4. Leadership for the Home and Church, Dr. Wm. S. Thorington, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

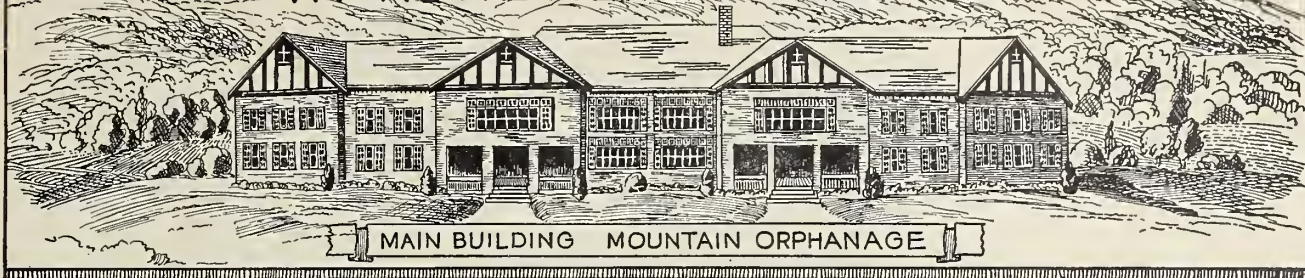
5. The Home and the Church Reaching the Unreached, Rev. T. M. Johnston, Rogersville, Tenn.

6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Batchelor.

IV. Report and Adoption of Program of Work.

OUR MOUNTAIN WORK

• IN ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY •



Two Miles West Of Black Mountain, N. C. — Supported Through The Home Mission Committee Of The Presbytery.

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FALL MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

The new Presbyterian Church at Malvern Hills and membership in the North Carolina Council of Church were decisions of the Fall Meeting of Asheville Presbytery, which adjourned on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 4:30 P.M., after an all-day session at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville.

Twenty-four ministers and sixteen ruling elders, representing the thirty Churches of the Presbytery, elected Rev. J. M. McChesney, D.D., pastor of the Oak Forest Presbyterian Church, as Moderator to succeed Rev. W. H. Wakefield, pastor of the Dillingham and Ivy Park Churches. Rev. H. L. Paisley, D.D., of Murphy, served as temporary clerk, assisting Rev. George B. Hammond, of Canton, the stated clerk.

The Presbytery acceded to the request of Rev. J. W. Caldwell, D.D., for thirteen years pastor of the Montreat Church, that he be allowed to honorably retire from the active pastorate and serve without the bounds of the Presbytery. Rev. W. H. Armistead, of Nashville Presbytery, of the Synod of Tennessee, was received as a member. He was formerly a minister of the Presbyterian Church at Franklin, Tenn. Rev. Chas. M. Robinson resigned his pastorate at Robbinsville to devote more time to his work as pastor at Bryson City.

Reports were presented of King College, Bristol, Tenn., by Rev. R. T. L. Liston, Ph.D., president, and of Montreat College and the Mountain Retreat Association, by Rev. R. C. Anderson, D.D., president. Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., made a report for the Home Mission Committee, and Rev. R. E. Mc-

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SYNODICAL MET AT FOUNTAIN CITY

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of Appalachia was held in the Presbyterian Church at Fountain City, Tenn., on Sept. 28-29-30.

Representatives from Asheville Presbyterial were: Mrs. P. P. Thomas, President of this Presbyterial; Mrs. R. P. Whitt, Black Mountain, Secretary of Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions in this Presbyterial; Mrs. Frank Sanford, Hender-

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EMERGENCY

One-sixth of all the families of our land have moved to new communities since Pearl Harbor. One-fourth have moved either to new communities or within their own community.

Hundreds of new communities have come into existence. Scores of centers have increased in population, some a hundred-fold, many several hundred-fold.

The state has furnished schools, hospitals and other needed services, but the state cannot and does not give them that absolute essential, the benefit of the Church.

The Emergency that now exists will eventually be met in social, political, economic and educational lines. The state will see to this. But if it is not met in spiritual lines, the future generations will suffer and suffer greatly.

We Must Take The Church To
Them And Do It Now!

Home Mission Emergency Fund

This is the answer of Southern Presbyterians to the present challenge. By order of the General Assembly we set out to raise \$250,000 per year for five years, in addition to a normal self-denial offering for Home Missions.

The gifts of the Church through the Home Mission Emergency Fund in 1942-43 have made possible the following actual accomplishments in establishing new work, or in relieving the pressure upon workers who have faced impossible tasks in established fields:

| WORKERS | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Evangelists | 7 |
| Ministers in new fields | 4 |
| Local missionaries | 24 |
| Presbytery's missionaries | 3 |
| Used as a challenge to increase ministers' support in fields having greatly enlarged work | 7 |
| For survey projects | 3 |
| Total | 48 |

| EQUIPMENT | |
|------------------------------------------------------|----|
| New churches completed | 6 |
| New churches in process of building | 12 |
| New manses bought | 2 |
| Aid in completing manses | 2 |
| Aid in purchase of manses | 6 |
| Aid in erection of new Sunday School buildings | 8 |
| Aid in erection of new chapels | 14 |
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OCTOBER AT OUR ORPHANAGE

(By Mrs. J. A. Gruver)

The brilliant October sunshine, the snappy, crisp air morning and evening with "frost on the punkin," make us realize that fall is really here and winter is not far behind. We are thankful for the warmth and comfort of our Home and for food stored up for children and animals.

Field peas and sweet potatoes are being gathered in to satisfy the appetites made keener by the cool weather, and a beef is being prepared to furnish strength-giving meat.

Last week we had such a sweet time! We made 115 gallons of molasses—superior quality. Think of the pounds and pounds of gingerbread, of the biscuits and syrup that will enter the Orphanage this fall and winter! The neighbors came in to help and be sociable around the furnace and the pan was kept boiling day and night for three days. It was fun for everybody, but all were glad when the job was finished.

It is great to live on a farm and it is surely a good place to bring up well-rounded boys and girls. They are interested in all sorts of things. There is a knock at the door and someone is there to exhibit proudly a young rabbit from the hatch, or new laid eggs, or another has a little tame chipmunk. Even a fight between bullocks is not beneath their notice. They take pride in the amount of milk the cows give and do not really object to the barn job except as some said, "It's so reg'lar."

It certainly pays to advertise, even if the writer has not a flow of words and an opportunity to speak

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DENDY MODERATOR OF SYNOD

Rev. H. B. Dendy, D.D., pastor of the Weaverville Presbyterian Church, was elected Moderator of the Synod of Appalachia, which met at Johnson City, Tenn., September 21-22. The enrollment was 61 ministers and 34 ruling elders.

An outstanding action of the body was a vote to undergird King College with at least \$250,000 new endowment. Announcement was made by Rev. T. L. Liston, Ph.D., President, that all of the outstand-

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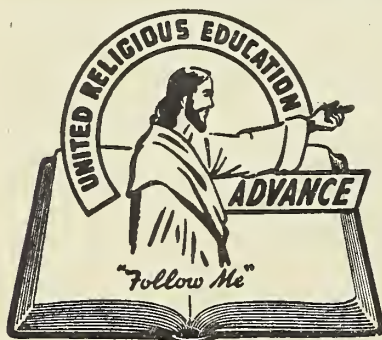
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**"To Reach Every Person
With Christian Teaching"**

The emphasis this year is on the Home and the objective is to reach every person in the home with Christian teaching. These are our aims:

1. To re-emphasize the Scriptural conception of the Christian Home.
2. To magnify the place of the family group in the life of the Church.
3. To prepare parents to do better Christian teaching to their children in the home.
4. To extend our Christian teaching program to a larger number of homes.

These questions should be prayerfully considered by every father and mother:

Am I spiritually prepared to minister to the religious needs of my children in the home?

Am I studying the Bible and attending the services of the Church so that I may be the best possible Christian parent?

Do I have family worship in which my children and I pray and read God's Word daily to nourish and sustain our lives in these hard days?

If my children learned about God and Christ from me alone, what kind of Christians would they be?

—From special bulletin of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., taken to every home in special visits during "Religious Education Week."



The Mountain Orphanage is proud of an adequate barn for hay storage and housing beef cattle. It was made possible through generous individual gifts of material and money.

OCTOBER AT OUR ORPHANAGE

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over the air. The appeal for sweaters brought a prompt response from a friend at Black Mountain, who sent \$25.00 for this purpose, so our boys will be warmly clad for school.

We are grateful that we have the furnace going, and a friend called one day to say that if we could wait a few weeks he thought a friend of his would give us a carload of good nut coal. We'll wait, thank you!

Our dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Whitelaw, of Sarasota, Fla., remembered us again on their son's birthday, the 24th of September. They sent from Biltmore Dairies four large tiered cakes made of ice-cream, beautifully decorated with red roses. Some of the children said it was the first time they had ever had enough. It was very delicious and much enjoyed as a dessert to the extra good dinner that is always served in honor of the occasion.

The young ladies of Camp Grey-stone were exceedingly generous with their annual check to our girls. This was much larger than ever before and has met a great need. If they could have seen the shabby, ragged, spring-exuding old couch in the girls' living-room and the broken-down chairs and the general bleakness of the room, they would know how much we appreciate their gift. Now we have an attractive new couch, three substantial comfortable chairs and card tables for studying. The little girls also shared the bounty for they have new curtains and linoleum. Besides there is a surplus to buy something else that is needed.

It was good to have a visit from our soldier, Lieut. Hoyt Gaines. Remembering the little six-year-old boy with curls who came to us fourteen years ago, it does not seem possible that he is now a commissioned officer in Uncle Sam's Army. What a hero he is to the admiring boys and girls! Shuford Snyder blew in from Chapel Hill, where he is studying pharmacy. Little Marvin Reeves with his winsome smiling eyes, has grown up, and a letter comes from him in Sicily telling mostly of the comfort he has received

from a devotional book sent him by the Church, how he has read it over and over and even while sitting in his fox-hole in Tunisia. How wonderful to remember that the friends of the Orphanage have all unknowingly been preparing men for such a world emergency! When asked for funds they gladly respond, knowing that the money is well spent and that many are saved for service.

The amount asked for at Thanksgiving is \$5,000, a sum larger than that contributed last year because the cost of living as everyone knows is much higher. If we are to keep out of debt, this is the least we can hope for.

Naturally life at the Orphanage is more or less monotonous. To add variety to the routine, birthday dinners are served every two months, celebrating for those who were born in that period. Also often on Saturday mornings the laundry girls or the cooks have a special breakfast in the basement. This is a home-like, cosy time and much enjoyed. Soon will begin the popcorn season and Chiquapin Lodge will have many visitors popping corn in the big fireplace.

For the most part they live peaceably together and we are reminded of some words of a little poem:

"When children shout and scamper,
And make merry all the day—
You can be sure as sure can be
That the Dinkey Bird is singing
In the Amfalurla Tree."

Dillingham Service Roll

There were 49 stars on the Service Flag at the Dillingham Church on September 13. Other stars are to be added shortly. But the most interesting feature was a "Scrap Book" arranged alphabetically, each page bearing the name of a man or woman in service from that congregation. As far as possible a recent picture was on the page and a record of service, kept up to date by friends and relatives. The membership at Dillingham is only 126. Rev. W. H. Wakefield is the pastor.

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BENEVOLENT RECEIPTS FOR SIX MONTHS

Ending September 30th 1943

Total Benevolent Funds (in column one) have been credited according to the instructions of the donor, or if undesignated, according to the percentage ordered by the Presbytery. Contributions received since October 1st will be acknowledged in our January issue.

Benevolent Statement—April Through September 1943

| | | Total Receipts | Askings (Six Mos.) | Non-Budget Specials* | Total Rec. Six Mos. 1942 |
|----------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Andrews | \$..... | \$ 61.70 | \$ 50.00 | \$..... | \$ 90.00 |
| Church | 51.70 | | | | |
| Aux. | 10.00 | | | | |
| Ashe, First | | 4,510.71 | 6,733.00 | 505.25 | 4,844.00 |
| Church | 4,055.71 | | | | |
| Aux. | 275.00 | | | | |
| S. S. | 180.00 | | | | |
| Bethel | | | 73.00 | | |
| Black Mtn. | | 648.27 | 388.00 | 70.44 | 411.00 |
| Church | 618.27 | | | | |
| Aux. | 20.00 | | | | |
| S. S. | 10.00 | | | | |
| Bre. Dav. | | 345.38 | 225.00 | 82.00 | 322.00 |
| Church | 182.98 | | | | |
| Aux. | 125.00 | | | | |
| S. S. | 37.40 | | | | |
| Brit. Cove | | 7.55 | | | |
| Church | 7.55 | | | | |
| Bryson City | 158.25 | 158.25 | 130.00 | 18.11 | 99.00 |
| Church | 89.25 | | | | |
| Aux. | 69.00 | | | | |
| Canton | | 377.24 | 350.00 | 38.25 | 467.00 |
| Church | 190.21 | | | | |
| Aux. | 165.00 | | | | |
| S. S. | 22.03 | | | | |
| Dillingham | | 10.00 | 65.00 | 9.00 | 32.00 |
| Aux. | 10.00 | | | | |
| Etowah | | 109.72 | 65.00 | 13.00 | 101.00 |
| Church | 97.72 | | | | |
| Aux. | 12.00 | | | | |
| Franklin | | 67.50 | 155.00 | | 60.00 |
| Church | 7.50 | | | | |
| Aux. | 60.00 | | | | |
| Hayesville | | 5.00 | 24.00 | 2.00 | 15.00 |
| Aux. | 5.00 | | | | |
| Hazelwood | | 50.55 | | | 10.00 |
| Church | 47.55 | | | | |
| Children | .300 | | | | |
| Hend'ville | | 1,583.75 | | 562.18 | 1,405.00 |
| Church | 1,365.94 | | | | |
| Aux. | 84.52 | | | | |
| S. S. | 133.29 | | | | |
| Highlands | | 35.40 | 65.00 | 28.64 | 73.00 |
| Church | 34.00 | | | | |
| DVBS | 1.40 | | | | |
| Ivy Park | | 10.00 | 24.00 | 2.55 | |
| Church | 10.00 | | | | |
| Kenilworth | | 290.00 | 300.00 | 50.04 | 274.00 |
| Church | 200.00 | | | | |
| Aux. | 90.00 | | | | |
| Mills River | | 59.50 | 155.00 | | 34.00 |
| Church | 40.75 | | | | |
| Aux. | 18.75 | | | | |
| Montreat | | 681.43 | 900.00 | 187.95 | 570.00 |
| Church | 648.35 | | | | |
| Pioneers | 2.25 | | | | |
| Y.P.S. | 25.00 | | | | |
| S. S. | 5.83 | | | | |
| Morrison | | | 47.00 | | |
| Murphy | | 16.90 | 91.00 | 24.50 | 87.00 |
| Church | 16.90 | | | | |
| Oak Forest | | 93.47 | 104.00 | 11.55 | 87.00 |
| Church | 93.47 | | | | |
| Robbinsville | | 27.97 | 38.00 | 8.25 | 38.00 |
| Church | 25.00 | | | | |
| S. S. | 2.97 | | | | |
| Swannanoa | | 180.50 | 387.00 | 60.44 | 386.00 |
| Church | 170.00 | | | | |
| Aux. | 10.50 | | | | |
| Sylva | | | | | |
| Waynesville | | 163.10 | 311.00 | 39.60 | 150.00 |
| Church | 72.10 | | | | |
| Aux. | 65.00 | | | | |
| S. S. | 26.00 | | | | |
| Weaverville | | 299.33 | 225.00 | 96.93 | 179.00 |
| Church | 261.83 | | | | |
| Aux. | 37.50 | | | | |
| West Ashe. | | 600.00 | 400.00 | 12.45 | 433.00 |
| Church | 600.00 | | | | |
| White Oak | | | 16.00 | | |
| Totals | \$..... | \$10,393.22 | \$11,321.00 | \$ 1,823.13 | \$10,167.00 |

Fall Meeting

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Clure Executive Secretary of the Presbytery, presented the current campaign to raise the local goal of \$3,160 for the Home Mission Emergency Fund of the entire Church.

The Stewardship Committee recommended a budget of \$33,000 for the church year to begin April 1, 1944, and the goals for the local congregations were adopted, subject to the approval by the local Church before the January Meeting of the Presbytery.

In voting to organize a church at Malvern Hills, Presbytery acted on a petition signed by 29 persons, and adopted a commission to effect this organization. The commission named is: Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., chairman; Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of the Presbytery; Rev. J. C. Plexico, under whose pastorate the mission was first organized; Rev. R. F. Brown, now stated supply at the Mission; A. C. McCall, a ruling elder of the First Presbyterian Church; and J. Z. Russell, ruling elder of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church. The time of the organization was left to the commission.

Entering the North Carolina Council of Churches, the Presbytery appointed three representatives to that body. These are: Rev. C. Grier Davis, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Asheville; Rev. J. C. Plexico, pastor of the West Asheville Church; and Rev. George B. Hammond, of Canton. The North Carolina Synod of the Presbyterian Church is already a member. Asheville Presbytery is in the Synod of Appalachia.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Hendersonville in regular winter session on January 11, 1944. Rev. George B. Hammond was appointed to preach the doctrinal sermon and the subject assigned was, "Stewardship." Various matters pertaining to the amendment to the Confession of Faith and the Book of Church Order were referred to a special committee, of which Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., of Hendersonville, is chairman.

Rev. W. H. Wakefield, retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon on "Simon - The Cross-bearer," and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. R. E. McClure and Rev. H. V. Lofquist, assisted by four ruling elders. Presbytery was entertained by the First Church, being served luncheon in the Church House by ladies of the congregation.

(*Gifts to Defense Service Council, War Relief, King College Debt, Scholarships, Assembly's Training School Endowment, Summer Work, American Leper Colony, Stillman Institute.)

AUXILIARY

News of local Auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Montreat, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

GROUP CONFERENCES

Three Presbyterian Group Conferences have been held with a total attendance of 175. Groups 1, 2 and 3 held a combined meeting in Asheville on Sept. 24. Group 4 met in Hendersonville on Sept. 23. District 5 held its meeting in Waynesville on Oct. 8.

All of the reports showed work well done.

Rev. R. E. McClure presented the Home Mission Emergency Fund at all the meetings. Mrs. J. V. N. Talmadge, of Korea, spoke at the meeting in Asheville about her war-time experiences. Miss Jean Liston, who was the house guest of the Presbyterian President, was in the Presbytery for five days and was speaker at two meetings. She also held a conference for the Young People of the Presbytery in Asheville on Sept. 26 and presented the cause of the Christian College. Miss Liston is Field Secretary for the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Presbyterian Cause Secretaries held conferences with local cause secretaries. The General Assembly's emphasis on Evangelism was stressed at all times and the conferences were seasons of soul-searching.

—L. B. T.

SYNODICAL

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sonville, Secretary of Foreign Missions in this Synodical; and Mrs. R. E. McClure, Asheville, delegate from this Presbyterial.

Outstanding speakers were: Dr. H. Kerr Taylor, Educational Secretary of our Committee of Foreign Missions; Rev. Leslie Patterson, Superintendent of Home Missions in Montgomery Presbytery; Dr. J. M. Carr, Regional Director in the Synod of Appalachia; and Mrs. R. F. Dunlap, of the Committee on Woman's Work in our General Assembly.

Young People's Night November 14th 1943

All Young People's Leagues in the Presbytery have received a letter from Rev. James M. Carr, Th.D., Director of Religious Education, for the Synod of Appalachia, regarding observance of Young People's Night. A program and other suggestions was enclosed. The offering this year will be used to defray expenses of both Synod's and Presbytery's Councils in attending the Synod's Young People's Leadership Institute and the Assembly's Young People's Leadership School at Montreat.

OUR CHURCH PROGRAM

1943 - 1944

Departments

I. Spiritual Life And Evangelism:

Every month in the year. (Under direction of Pastor and Session.)

II. Foreign Missions:

January, 1944; May, 1944. (For information write to Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, Box 330, Nashville 1, Tenn.)

III. Home Missions:

October, 1943; June, 1944. (For information write to Executive Committee of Home Missions, 573 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta 3, Ga.)

IV. Christian Education And Ministerial Relief:

December 1943; April 1944. (For information write to Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, 410 Urban Building, Louisville, Ky.)

V. Religious Education And Publication:

September, 1943; July, 1944. (For information write to Executive Committee of Religious Education and Publication, Presbyterian Building, Richmond 9, Va.)

VI. Stewardship.

February and March, 1944. (For information write to Committee on Stewardship, 301 Henry Grady Building, Atlanta 3, Ga.)

VII. Christian Social Service:

August, 1943. (Under direction of Pastor and Diaconate.)

For monthly programs based upon the above schedule, Men's, Women's and Young People's Organizations should write to their Organizational Headquarters as follows:

The Woman's Auxiliary: Miss Janie W. McGaughey, 308 Henry Grady Building, Atlanta (3) Ga.

The Men-of-the-Church: Mr. S. J. Patterson, Jr., Presbyterian Building, Richmond 9, Va.

The Young People: Rev. W. Norman Cook, Presbyterian Building, Richmond 9, Va.

YOUNG PEOPLE

News of local Leagues should be sent to Miss Dabney Adams, 324 Westover Drive, Asheville, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

OCTOBER EMPHASIS

"Into The Homeland"

This highway includes the whole Home Mission enterprise of our Church, which has as its goal "the making of a Christian America by making Americans Christian." It includes the Home Mission Work of the Presbytery and the Synod in their efforts to plant and sustain the Church with her saving ministries in every unchurched community, rural, town and city, within their bounds, as well as the tremendous task of Assembly's Home Missions, which is charged with making Christ known and building His Church among the Indians, the Negroes, the mountain people, the Mexicans, and the other Foreign Language peoples in our midst. Home Missions is the organized effort of the Church to build the Home Base. This is recognized as a necessity in this day of all-out global war.

The Highway into the Homeland has a two-fold purpose: First, to acquaint the young people of the Church with this fundamental work of Kingdom building right here at home; second, to encourage young people as groups and as individuals to share in the support and furtherance of this work.

Endeavor therefore to make the Home Mission Season and the observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-denial an important activity of your Church.

Offer to co-operate with the men and women in a church-wide observance of the Home Mission Emergency Fund Campaign.

Plan for the special Home Mission Emergency Fund Offering during the Week of Prayer and Self-denial, October 31 to November 7. This should be marked "from the young people of the church" and sent to your church treasurer, or to Rev. R. E. McClure, Treasurer, 409 Wachovia Building, Asheville, N. C.

Co-operate with your Sunday School Superintendent in presenting the Special Home Mission Program on October 31.

Frances McClure,
Chairman.

Negro High School Gets Bible Teachers

The Stevens-Lee High School in Asheville has the distinction of being the first Negro public school in North Carolina to introduce a course in Bible instruction. The newly appointed teacher is the Rev. Leon C. Riddick, a recent graduate of the Shaw University School of Religion in Raleigh. Some seventy white schools in the state now have Bible courses as part of their regular curriculum. The Bible courses in each case are electives.

THANKSGIVING 1943**RECEIPTS**

Ivy Park By Miss Neva
McKinney \$10.00



Total Goal—\$5,000

EMERGENCY

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| | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Aid in purchase of building sites | 11 |
| Challenge to local congregations to complete Building Funds | 5 |
| Total | 66 |

This is from reports from 80 Presbyteries, and takes no account of projects to which appropriations have been made and on which no work has been done.

You serve your country wisely and well when you serve her through your Church. It is not only true that, "Whatever makes men good Christians makes them good citizens," it is pre-eminently true that the work of the Church is to reach men for Christ and train them in Christ.

The challenge of 1943 is for every Church and church organization to respond with a generous offering for this cause.

The Assembly's Goal is \$335,000, including \$85,000 ear-marked as a regular self-denial offering. The Synod's Goal is \$20,871.

The Goal of Asheville Presbytery is \$3,160.65.

The Goals set for the Churches of Asheville Presbytery are:

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|-----------------|----------|
| Andrews | \$ 40.00 |
| Asheville First | 1,100.00 |
| Bethel | 15.00 |
| Black Mountain | 130.00 |
| Brevard | 55.00 |
| Brittain's Cove | 5.00 |
| Bryson City | 45.00 |
| Canton | 90.00 |
| Dillingham | 10.00 |
| Etowah | 25.00 |
| Franklin | 25.00 |
| Hayesville | 10.00 |
| Hazelwood | 15.00 |
| Hendersonville | 500.00 |
| Highlands | 35.00 |
| Ivy Park | 10.00 |
| Kenilworth | 125.00 |
| Mills River | 38.00 |
| Montreat | 500.00 |
| Morrison | 5.00 |
| Murphy | 25.00 |
| Oak Forest | 35.00 |
| Red Oak | 5.00 |
| Robbinsville | 10.00 |
| Swannanoa | 200.00 |
| Sylva | 5.00 |
| Waynesville | 75.00 |
| Weaverville | 110.00 |
| West Asheville | 130.00 |
| White Oak | 5.00 |

Watch for Honor Roll of Churches reaching their goals, to be printed in Our Mountain Work.

What will be your response through your Church?

Watch for Honor Roll in November issue of Churches reaching their goals.



Will You Take The Church To These Homes?



*Daniel
Webster
said:*



**"WHATEVER MAKES MEN
GOOD CHRISTIANS MAKES
THEM GOOD CITIZENS."**

Dendy Moderator

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ing bonds in private hands had been paid or would be paid shortly. There is no current indebtedness and substantial material improvements have been made and paid for.

The Synod asked the Presbyteries to adopt a benevolent budget for 1944-1945 that would mean a total of \$35,000 for Asheville Presbytery. The askings for the Home Mission Emergency Fund of \$3,160.65 was confirmed and a goal of \$1,860 for the Mothers' Day Offering (1944) for the Defense Service Council, subject to Presbytery's approval.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. D. W. Richardson, D.D., a member of Asheville Presbytery and Moderator of the General Assembly. His emphasis was on the permanent nature of evangelism in the work of the Church.

Rev. James L. Fowle, D.D., of the First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., presented the Home Mission Emergency Fund, and the Synod's Work in Religious Education.

The Synod appointed Rev. C. Grier Davis, D.D., J. T. Bailey, and Rev. L. T. Wilds, D.D., from Asheville Presbytery, to serve on the committee to raise the new endowment for King College. Other committee changes affecting Asheville Presbytery are as follows:

Rev. M. R. Williamson, of Waynesville, was placed on the Committee on Evangelism.

Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, was added to the Committee on Home Missions.

Young People's Benevolent Objectives 1943 - 1944

Foreign Missions:

Support of Missionaries sent out in 1940-41.

Home Missions:

Stillman Institute.

Christian Education And Ministerial Relief:

The Fund of Education for the Ministry and Mission Service.

Religious Education:

Sunday School Extension Work in West Virginia.

Thank You!

Received from Weaverville Young People, \$20.00 for equal division among the four benevolent objectives for this church year.

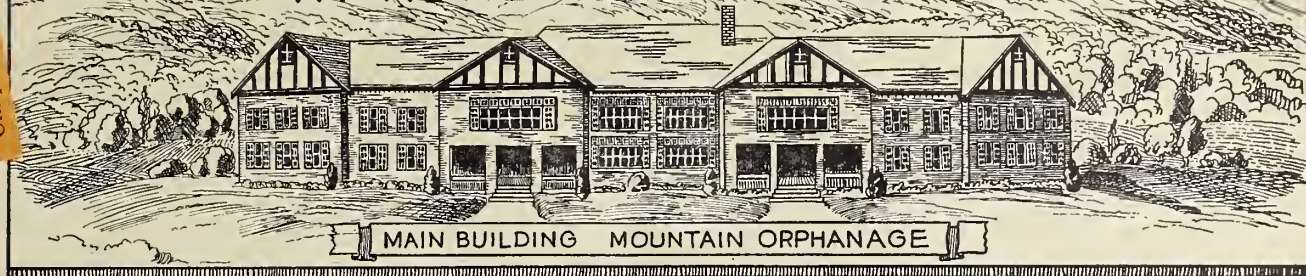
Other Leagues please note and follow this example.

Congratulations!

Born to Rev. and Mrs. E. Ashby Johnson, of Brevard, N. C., a son, David Ashby, on September 6, 1943. Mr. Johnson is the pastor of the Brevard - Davidson River Presbyterian Church.

OUR MOUNTAIN WORK

• IN ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY •



MAIN BUILDING MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Two Miles West Of Black Mountain, N. C. — Supported Through The Home Mission Committee Of The Presbytery.

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Number 11.

HALLOWE'EN— THANKSGIVING

Mumps Giving Way For Holiday Plans

By Mrs. J. H. Gruver

Well, the goblins didn't get us on Hallowe'en, but we had a lively time and plenty of fun was had by all. The little ones are perfectly satisfied if they can dress up, put on falsefaces and go around shrieking and "frightening" (?) the older folks. The basement was a good place for such excitement and a treat of candy and popcorn made an excellent end to a perfect evening. The older boys and girls, more sedate, enjoyed a party at the gymnasium and had some friends invited from their school. Miss Long and Miss Roberts, presiding, provided games and ghost stories. Cookies, sandwiches and punch were very acceptable as a climax to the amusements.

Now that we are well into November we are looking forward to Thanksgiving, and then comes Christmas!

Surely everyone will be well by that time. Mumps keeps hanging on, two or three down every week for about two months, and though not very serious cases, they have to be in bed and miss school. Some of the adults are succumbing to it, too. Mr. Griffin on his vacation has been quite sick and little Vivian also is having her turn. There will soon be no more victims and we hope to have a respite from sickness for a while.

Skies are gray, and the little birds in flocks are seeking a sheltered place to sleep at night and to chatter by day. They know that cold days are in the offing. Grim winter will find us ready and it is a great satisfaction to know that our children will have the best of care. They take lunches to school, but breakfast is a hearty meal, always hot biscuits, syrup, gravy, of course, cereal and milk. Supper is really a dinner with vegetables and cornbread and often meat. After this meal evening prayers are conducted in the assembly room, then study hall from 7:30 to 9:00 o'clock. One evening a week a young lady from Black Mountain College comes to coach the girls in basketball. The

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"Pure religion and undefiled before God and he Father is this,

"To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

—James 1:27.

THANKSGIVING NEEDS

There are 63 boys and girls at *The Mountain Orphanage* this Thanksgiving, compared with only 53 last year. The cost of supplies has increased materially in the past 12 months.

Some necessary activities have postponed, things that need to be done.

Members of the Churches of Asheville Presbytery and hundreds of other friends will unite to give *The Mountain Orphanage* the full amount asked.

Make your contribution through your Church—and do it on or before Thanksgiving Day.

Or you may send it direct to the Orphanage Treasurer, Rev. R. E. McClure, 409 Wachovia Building, Asheville, N. C.

The 1943 Goal Is \$5,000

Advance Receipts

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Ivy Park | \$10.00 |
| Miss J. L. Shank, Bryson City | 25.00 |

Who Will Be The Next!

MALVERN HILLS IS ORGANIZED

Newest Church In The Presbytery Set Up

A new Presbyterian Church was organized in West Asheville on October 31 with a charter membership of 30, reflecting the work of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church and their pastor, Rev. J. C. Plexico, together with the summer student worker, W. K. Fitch, of Richmond, Va. It will be known as the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church.

The Church will be supplied by Rev. R. F. Brown, for several years a member of Asheville Presbytery, who has supplied the Mission with regular services since Mr. Fitch returned to his seminary studies at Austin, Tex. Mrs. Brown, a graduate of the Assembly's Training School, is helping in the work of the Mission.

A commission was appointed by the Fall Meeting of Asheville Presbytery in response to a petition of 29 persons asking for an organization of the group who had been meeting during the summer in a rented store on the old Haywood Road, just this side of the Malvern Hills Golf Course. The work was a growing success from its first meeting under Mr. Plexico and Mr. Fitch. Mr. Fitch held regular services there during the summer and saw the petition being circulated before he left the field for his seminary studies.

The Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery, at the request of representatives of the Mission, has been making a pulpit supply possible, both in the case of Mr. Fitch and of Mr. Brown, who is now supplying the work. The arrangements were made to continue until April 1, 1944, but the enthusiastic response and the number actually becoming charter members indicates a faster growth in the church than at one time was anticipated.

In the formal organization meeting, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D.D., chairman of the Home Mission Committee, and also of the Commission to organize the Church, presided. Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of the Presbytery, preached the sermon. Rev. Mr. Plexico and Rev. Mr. Brown examined the candidates for charter membership, some

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Remember The 63 Boys And Girls At The Mountain Orphanage On Thanksgiving

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"On Knife Edge"

Is that the way you feel? Hardly, in the sense of the English lady writing to her American friend in North Carolina. You have not heard the screech of bombs, not found the stones from the burial places of your dead blasted by enemy aircraft as she had.

You have not sat in the consciousness that you had adequate financial means to live a life of ease and comfort, yet because your own family was in service, domestic help out of the question, you must live in a nursing home almost under the shadow of your mansion, now closed for the duration.

We asked permission to share a portion of the letter of this lady with the readers of **Our Mountain Work**. Here it is:

"Here we feel to be on a knife edge.

"Always from port withheld."

"Always dressed."

"I smiled when I read of your one and a half gallons of gas. We have none and have not been allowed any private cars for two years. Even taxis are only allowed to meet trains or travellers.

"But no one seems to mind.

"I wonder what you get for rations! Large families and hotel dwellers are not so badly off, but old people—say a man and wife come on very badly. It is hard on them to have to stand in queues for a small portion of food that the old man could eat at one meal, but must suffice for them both for seven days.

"Rations are two ounces butter, two ounces marg., one ounce lard, two ounces bacon, eight ounces sugar, two ounces tea, one ounce rice per person per week. One pound jam or syrup a month! Eggs are supposed to be one per person a week, but very few ever see an egg.

"I have not seen a gooseberry nor a currant of any color, nor any small fruit this year. The shops have none, except in London. We are told all fruit goes into jam factories. Only very rich people can buy these things. These are facts, but there is no grumbling. Doing without seems to be taken as a matter of course.

"I am not so sad as you might think ... You say North Carolina is a great peach country ... There are



REV. L. N. EDMUNDS

TO CHAPLAIN'S SCHOOL

Rev Leland N. Edmunds, pastor of the Black Mountain congregation since January, 1942, has reported to the Naval Chaplains' School at Williamsburg, Va. He has recently received a commission as chaplain. His family is residing at Black Mountain.

apples on sale and rhubarb (at 7d a pound) and peaches 4/6—nearly a dollar each."

Such is a part of the price civilians in England are paying for the longed-for victory that will usher in a lasting peace for all men. And in this there is "no grumbling."

Americans are showing a willingness to pay the cost in men and money that this same goal may be reached, but the cost is proving to be a much greater one than might be imagined. Staggering though the estimates have been in dollars, there is a spiritual cost that cannot be measured.

How much are Southern Presbyterians willing to "give up" that the Gospel may be carried to the spiritually needy places in our world?

How much are Southern Presbyterians willing to share with those less fortunate? The answer lies in the spirit of Thanksgiving.

HALLOWEEN

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boys, too, have a friend from Swananoa who coaches them. As the children are away at school from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., it is easy to see that they are quite busy; for after school there are the laundry and cooking jobs to do, feeding the stock, milking, and the many other chores necessary in a large family.

Thanksgiving is a time of great joy for all the household. There is holiday for the day and sometimes longer, and the grand dinner. Then the "showers" begin to come our way, all the churches in the Presbytery and many individuals within and without its bounds bringing or sending donations. When reading the long list of churches in the Synods that support the large Orphanage, our list seems very short. It is safe to say that there is probably not a Presbytery in the Assembly that has assumed so great a responsibility as Asheville Presby-

tery and carried on so nobly and successfully such an undertaking as providing for Mountain Orphanage.

Many temptations assail our young people. It should be a source of satisfaction to all who have had a part in the establishment and development of this institution to remember that through the years so large a number, about six hundred, have been placed here under careful supervision, with the opportunity to know God's Word, and to grow up in a Christian atmosphere.

The children realize that they are dependent upon their friends and look to them with confidence. Never have you failed them and they are grateful to you and give thanks to the Heavenly Father who has placed them here in your care. A young boy was so eager to be received into the Home, because he said it was impossible for his mother to take care of her family and was worried all the time about her children for fear they would go wrong. A little girl with no parents, no relatives, no home, so sweet, bright and pretty has found this a haven. Another in a home where she was needed to work and was evidently being exploited, has found here school privileges, and church for the first time. A little group, orphaned and helpless, sorely in need of training, are learning many lessons in living with others.

Need we tell more of the young lives shadowed by tragedy who need all the best we can give them, physically, mentally, spiritually? Back of each one is a story of sorrow and privation; of one parent alone, struggling against insurmountable difficulties in rearing the children, or the child deprived of all parental care and devotion.

Thanksgiving time is set apart by the Church and the Welfare Agencies of the State as the time to remember the orphan or dependent child, and we are urged to give generously as the offering at this season is a large part of the support for the year. It is scarcely necessary to remind anyone that living costs have increased and continue to rise. For this reason the Board and the Administration are asking for a larger contribution this year than last. If we are to keep out of debt we shall need five thousand dollars (\$5,000). For many, wages have increased, for others, salaries have remained the same, so that with expenses greater they have less to give. Yet we believe that everyone will make a sacrifice that this appeal may be answered. Even if it is only one loaf and one fish, in the hands of the Master the gift will be miraculously enlarged to provide for your children—His children.

"The soul of a child is the loveliest flower

That grows in the garden of God,
Its climb is from weakness to knowledge and power

To the sky from the clay and the clod.

To beauty and sweetness it grows under care,

Neglected 'tis ragged and wild;

'Tis a plant that is tender and wondrously rare—

The sweet wistful soul of a child."

DR. CAMPBELL'S LETTER TO THOSE IN SERVICE FROM FIRST CHURCH, ASHEVILLE

For some five months the First Presbyterian Church has been publishing a Victory Sheet which is mailed to all the members of the Church who are in the armed services.

Recently the Rev. Dr. Robert F. Campbell, pastor emeritus of the Church, wrote a letter to the "Boys and Girls in the Service" that attracted much attention. A reply from one of the boys, written directly to Dr. Campbell, attested to the interest with which his letter was received.

The Victory Sheet is edited each month by Mrs. Ralph Lee, assisted by Mrs. J. T. W. Stewart and Mrs. Charles F. Aiken, and goes to some 185 boys and girls.

Letter Quoted

The letter written by Dr. Campbell follows:

"My Dear Boys and Girls:

"Though you are no longer children, but young men and women, you will always be to me my grandsons and granddaughters. In some cases, I baptized your parents in their infancy, later married them, and then had the privilege of baptizing you. As you know, I have been closely associated with this Church for more than half a century — pastor for forty-five years and pastor emeritus for more than five years.

"I am old enough to have personal memories of four wars in which our country has been engaged, beginning with the War Between the States, 1861-1865. I was six years old in 1864, when General John Hunter, of the Federal Army, made his raid into the Valley of Virginia. His troops passed through Lexington and tarried for a few days. They were pursuing a smaller Confederate force and their artillery was firing on them. One of the shells struck our house, entering through the brick wall at the floor of the second story and exploding, tearing up about three square feet of the flooring and burying 70 pieces of shell in the walls and woodwork. My mother had taken us to the cellar, where we were safe.

Soldiers Friendly

"Later, the 'Yankee' soldiers swarmed into the town, and our back yard was full of them. They took everything they could find to eat, or that might be of any use to them. There was, in our yard, a tree of black-heart cherries, good and ripe. These they devoured, of course. We had bee-hives too; and one of my most vivid recollections is the sight of these soldiers munching the honey-combs, as they walked about the yard. They were very friendly, however, as I mingled with them freely and unharmed. One of them gave me a 'barlow' knife, and another, one of the old-

PRESBYTERY'S SERVICE ROLL

Gold Stars

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Asheville First Church | 2 |
| Brevard Church | 1 |
| Kenilworth Church | 1 |
| Waynesville Church | 1 |
| West Asheville Church | 3 |
| Total | 8 |

Blue Stars

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Andrews Church | 8 |
| Asheville First Church | 182 |
| Black Mountain Church | 45 |
| Brevard Church | 26 |
| Brittain's Cove Church | 4 |
| Bryson City Church | 6 |
| Canton Church | 31 |
| Etowah Church | 6 |
| Franklin Church | 12 |
| Hayesville Church | 11 |
| Hazelwood Church | 13 |
| Hendersonville Church | 65 |
| Highlands Church | 13 |
| Kenilworth Church | 40 |
| Mills River Church | 16 |
| Montreat Church | 2 |
| Murphy Church | 14 |
| Oak Forest Church | 15 |
| Red Oak Church | 1 |
| Robbinsville Church | 7 |
| Swannanoa Church | 37 |
| Sylva Church | 1 |
| Waynesville Church | 21 |
| Weaverville Church | 38 |
| West Asheville Church | 53 |
| Total | 667 |

fashioned copper cents, which were about the size of a silver half dollar.

"(Mrs. Campbell came in at this point and reminded me that you are more interested in the present war than in those that have passed into history. But perhaps you are so much absorbed in what is going on now that a diversion of your thoughts into the past may be a welcome relief.)

"It ought to strengthen our faith to remember that God rules in the affairs of me and that He has guided us in every crisis of our country's history. We should remember, too, that while He is working His will through all the tangled maze of history, His love and care are over us as individuals, and that nothing that concerns us is without interest to Him.

Offers Hope

"Commit yourselves and all you hold dear into His mighty hands and loving guardianship. He will give you grace to do your duty, working in you and with you in all that you may be called to do.

"Your Church and we, your parents and friends, are deeply interested in you. We carry you in our hearts and in our prayers and are looking forward eagerly to the time when Johnny, the doughboy, and

Mary, the WAC, the WAVE, or war nurse, will come marching home.

"With much love,

"Your old friend,

"R. F. Campbell."

The young man who wrote in reply to Dr. Campbell's letter recalled his early days in the Church, adding: "The fact that we occasionally took a nap in church or rattled the funny papers in the balcony doesn't seem to be very important now. I am confident God will not hold it against us."

—From Asheville Citizen-Times, Sunday, October 24, 1943.

Westminster Fellowship For College Students

Annual Meeting Planned Knoxville First Church

The first annual meeting of Presbyterian College students in the Synod of Appalachia will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn., on November 27-28, with Rev. C. G. Davis, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, and Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary, participating in the program.

The gathering will assemble under the name of the Westminster Fellowship Conference and the announced personnel of the conference is to be "any number between five and ten representatives from every college in the Synod." The First Church, Knoxville, is entertaining the delegates for dinner on Saturday, lodging Saturday night, and breakfast Sunday morning. There will be no registration fee.

Speakers include: Dr. Davis; Rev. Joseph M. Garrison, Director of the Joint Committee on Student Work in the Presbyterian Church; Rev. E. B. McGugin, D.D., pastor of the host church; and three seminar leaders—Rev. James M. Carr, Th.D., Director of Religious Education for the Synod; Rev. R. T. L. Liston, Ph.D., President of King College; and Mr. McClure. Dinner Saturday evening will be in the nature of a banquet as guests of the Church. The announced theme is, "Christian Students Accept The Challenge."

Montreat College and Western Carolina Teachers' College at Cullowhee are institutions within the bounds of Asheville Presbytery from which delegates will probably attend. Advance registrations are requested by November 22, 1943. They should be sent to Miss Charlotte Persinger, First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville (15) Tenn.

**ANOTHER NOVEMBER 11 EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR MORE
EARNEST PRAYER AND RENEWED CONSECRATION FOR NOT
MERELY A NEW "ARMISTICE DAY," BUT TRULY A LASTING
WORLD PEACE.**

RECENT ARRIVALS AT THE MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE

Twins

Dorothy Ward

Doris Ward

(Below)



Sisters

Virginia - Nellie

And Jane Fisher

(Below)



MALVERN HILLS

(Continued from Page 1)

coming by certificate from the West Asheville Presbyterian Church, a few from other denominations not having organized congregations in that vicinity, and others upon profession of the faith in Christ. A baptismal service followed.

In addition to the above, Ruling Elders A. C. McCall of the First Presbyterian Church and J. Z. Russell of the West Asheville Presbyterian Church were members of the Commission appointed by the Presbytery.

C. L. Kizer was elected and installed Ruling Elder and C. E. Jones as Deacon. Both had been formerly ordained and had served in the West Asheville congregation. The new Church will be formally enrolled when the Commission makes its official report to the Meeting of Asheville Presbytery, to be held in January, 1944. The action of the Commission is fully equivalent to a meeting of the Presbytery, however, and the enrollment is a mere formality in recognition of the fact of the organization.

By action of the Commission all persons received on or before November 14 were to be enrolled as charter members. The enrollment (Continued in Column 3)

Front Row

Jimmy Mathis, Irene Mathis, John White, Freida Ann White, Betty June Roberts, Virginia Fisher, Jane Fisher, Lovetta Reagan, Jackie Cooper, Robert White.

Back Row

Georgia Brown, Nellie Fisher, Edith Reagan, Dorothy Ward, Doris Ward, Esther Frisbee.

Folks Living At The Mountain Orphanage

STAFF

Rev. J. H. Gruver, Superintendent, 15 years.

Mrs. J. H. Gruver, honorary publicity agent.

W. J. Griffin, farm manager, 13 years.

Mrs. W. J. Griffin, dietitian. (Rabun Gap - Nacoochee Institute).

Miss Evelyn Jo Roberts, girls' matron, 10 years. (Mountain Orphanage, Montreat College, Maryville College).

Miss Eunice Long, sewing and laundry matron, 2 years. (Cecil's Business College).

Mrs. C. H. Smith, boys' matron, 1 year. (Flora Macdonald College).

CHILDREN

Counties Represented

| | |
|--------------|----|
| Buncombe | 29 |
| Haywood | 6 |
| Madison | 6 |
| Yancey | 6 |
| McDowell | 5 |
| Henderson | 4 |
| Macon | 3 |
| Swain | 2 |
| Gaston | 1 |
| Transylvania | 1 |
| Total | 63 |

Church Connection

| | |
|--------------|----|
| Baptist | 31 |
| Presbyterian | 12 |
| Methodist | 4 |
| None | 16 |
| Total | 63 |

Length Of Time At Orphanage

| | |
|------------------|----|
| 10 years | 1 |
| 9 years | 1 |
| 8 years | 4 |
| 6 years | 3 |
| 5 years | 3 |
| 4 years | 7 |
| 3 years | 10 |
| 2 years | 15 |
| 1 year | 3 |
| Less than a year | 16 |
| Total | 63 |

(Average: 2.9 years.)



(Continued from Column 1) through November 7 is as follows:

CHARTER MEMBERS

Received By Certificate

Ivy Park Presbyterian Church: Mrs. R. C. Ray.

Mills River Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Wylie N. Evans, Neal Evans.

Canton Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Sallie Elizabeth Brown, R. Frederick Brown, Jr.

Haywood Street M. E. Church, Asheville: M. B. Hall, Mrs. M. B. Hall.

West Asheville Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Hazel Bailey, Clarence Jones, Mrs. Clarence Jones, Peggy Jones, Betty Coleen Jones, Carry Lee Jones, Bobby Jones, C. L. Kiser, Mrs. C. L. Kiser.

French Broad Avenue M. E. Church, Asheville: J. E. Lawson, Mrs. J. E. Lawson.

Weaverville Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Carl Owens.

Restatement Of Faith

Baptist Church: Anson Brown, Mrs. H. Eugene Edwards.

West Asheville M. E. Church: Miss Elaine Lawson.

On Profession Of Faith

Jeanette Lawson, Anne Evans, Wylie Evans, H. Eugene Edwards, Calvin Ray, Bobby Ray, Carl Owens, Anne Lindbergh Jones.

AUXILIARY

News of local Auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Montreat, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF**December**

The Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was first started thirty-nine years ago, and in May, 1910, consolidated with other committees to form the present committee, and located in Louisville, Ky. In addition to the regular work for schools and colleges and the raising of the Student Loan Fund, two additional tasks were then given this committee: First. The arousing of the Church to a more adequate care of the Presbyterian students of our own schools and colleges and at the state and independent universities of higher education. Second. The erection of the Ministers' Annuity Fund to put the Ministerial Relief on a more dependable, Christian business-like basis, of a contributory plan. Here are some of the responsibilities and opportunities assigned to this committee by the General Assembly and to which much thought and prayer have been given:

1. To aid by prayer, printed messages and personal interviews the choicest of the Church's youth to hear God's call to the ministry and mission service.

2. To reveal to the Church the justice of the claims of the ministers and missionaries who have left the sources of material gain to serve the Church and who now on account of age or disability are forced to retire or who have died leaving dependent families.

3. To lead the Church to perfect the Ministers' Annuity Fund, to develop the Employees' Annuity Fund, providing for each of its active servants a living on which they may achieve and maintain efficiency.

4. To convince the members of the Church of the fundamental importance of our own educational institutions and the imperative need that they be properly endowed and equipped and provided with thoroughly trained, spiritual administrators and teachers.

It is the hope of the committee and its field workers that all of our Woman's Auxiliaries co-operating with the other organizations of the Church, will work earnestly this coming December, when we plan our Christmas observance, and for the Joy Gift Offering at that time for this great Cause, to show our great gratitude to the aged minister, the missionary, and the families of the deceased ministers of our own Church. In this Christmas observance let us plan to make it more Christian-like than ever before.

Let us also keep in mind the work outlined for the last week in February—the Week of Prayer for our Schools and Colleges—and plan fitting observances for that time.

In all our work let us continue to recognize the truth, brought to God's people in the days of old, that it is "not by might nor power, but by

THE HOME MISSION EMERGENCY FUND**Receipts To Nov. 13th****Churches Reaching****Goal In Full:**

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Weaverville | \$ 122.78 |
| Ivy Park | 10.00 |
| Red Oak | 5.00 |
| Brittain's Cove | 5.43 |
| Etowah | 25.00 |

Other Churches**Partial Report:**

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|-----------------------|--------|
| Hendersonville | 6.25 |
| Dillingham | 6.00 |
| Asheville First | 595.99 |

Individuals:

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| A Friend | 10.00 |
|----------------|-------|

Total

\$ 786.45

Needed To Reach Presbytery's Goal

\$2,374.20

Send all contributions promptly to the office of the Central Treasurer of Benevolences, 409 Wachovia Building, Asheville, N. C.

My Spirit, sayeth the Lord of Hosts." Each year we are more convinced that all of our efforts are in vain, apart from the guidance and help of God.

Mrs. Rowena H. Summey,
Secretary.

SYNOD'S AND PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS**November**

King College, Montreat College and the Mountain Orphanage are all outstanding in our Presbyterian work. For years King College has rendered an unsurpassed service to young men studying and preparing to carry on in the field of service for the Churches. We might be guilty of betrayal should we fail to keep the doors of King College wide open so that many who started their work there may return from the war with that zeal and faith still ardent, to resume their work where they left off.

Equally important is the work at Montreat College. The enrollment for next year will fill the dormitories to their fullest capacity. The splendid influence and Christian atmosphere around Montreat is all a parent may desire for daughters sent there. We cannot afford to lose this great privilege of helping in this field.

We hear echoes from the Mountain Orphanage through this paper and it is always a pleasure to know that the work there goes on in such a splendid way. Thanks for consecrated leadership. The boys and girls sheltered and protected there number about sixty-five. The gifts from the Auxiliaries was splendid last year. Let us strive to do more this year.

Also the big objective for this fall is the Home Missions Emergency Fund Campaign. The continuing need for a real Home Mission Advance should make this year's campaign even more appealing than the initial effort last year. This campaign will be from October 3 to November 7, 1943, in every local Church in the General Assembly.

Mrs. A. B. Whitt, Secretary.

YOUNG PEOPLE

News of local Leagues should be sent to Miss Dabney Adams, 324 Westover Drive, Asheville, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

Three things challenge Young People in November and December.

How many Leagues observed Y. P. Night on November 14? Announcements had been made before Our Mountain Work went to press that such plans were being carried out in the First Church, Asheville, and in the Kenilworth Church. Perhaps others made similar plans, but we did not hear from any other Leagues.

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Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Other columns are giving information about the Mountain Orphanage. Young People will surely want to do their part, and offerings should be made through the local league, and your church treasurer. See that your offering is taken and in your church treasurer's hands promptly. Suppose you take this issue of Our Mountain Work, and work up a special program on the Orphanage for the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

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Begin plans now for December. The emphasis in December is Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. A special program should be held on December 19, with an offering for the Young People's objective, "The Fund of Education for the Ministry and Mission Service."

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Last but not least, did you get your offering in for the Home Mission Emergency Fund? See if your church is listed as having met its quota.

SERVICES AT MURPHY

A series of services was held at the Murphy Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. H. L. Paisley, D.D., is the pastor, from October 14th through the 24th, with Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of the Presbytery, as the minister.

The evening services were based on the Gospel of John. There was one adult who indicated a readiness to unite with the Church. Six received credit for a Series One Leadership Training Course on the Gospel. The public school was visited and 400 copies of the Gospel given to as many children who agreed to read same.

During the morning of the second week there was a Bible Study Course on the Sermon on the Mount. A group of children met in the early evening for brief talks on the meaning of church membership.

Certificates of credit for the leadership training course were awarded to Mrs. R. H. Ford, Mrs. W. H. Griffiths, Mrs. C. W. Savage, Mrs. W. P. Odum, M. W. Bell, and Dr. Paisley. The certificates were delivered by Dr. Paisley.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET FOR SERVICE MEN

It's Free

The Defense Service Council, 410 Atlantic Life Building, Richmond, Va., has mailed the ministers of the Church a sample copy of "Facing Life With God," a spiritual guide for service men and women.

This booklet, planned for three months, is described in the foreword as follows:

"The meditations in this booklet were written by Army and Navy chaplains who are now located in many parts of the world. Out of their rich experience, they have prepared the messages for the men and women in the Service. While these chaplains are ministers of the Presbyterian Church in the United

FORMER MOUNTAIN ORPHANAGE BOYS IN THE U. S. ARMED FORCES

The Orphanage On The Air

WWNC

Sunday, November 21, 1:35 P.M.
Rev. C. G. Davis, D.D.

WISE

Friday, November 19, 11:45 A.M.
Dr. Elizabeth Smith.

States, their messages contain the truths needed by all persons who are struggling against evil.

"The booklet is sent with the hope and prayer that it may enrich the spiritual lives of all who read it."

It would be valuable if every Church in the Presbytery secured sufficient free copies to send to every service man and woman on their list.

Army:

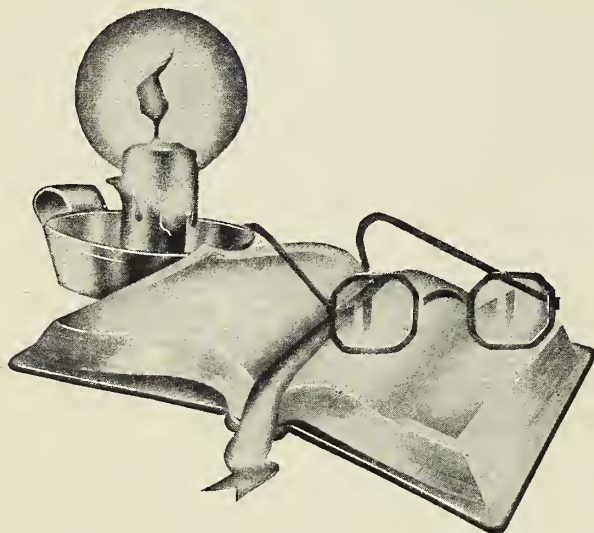
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Sgt. Ralph Baumgardner
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P. L. Davis
Othel Luther
Roy Hyatt
Charles Quarles
Frank Laetch
Bill Hale
Maurice Sawyer
Marvin Reeves
James Sawyer

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Grady Horne
Joe Henry Osteen
Philip Osteen
Fred White
Nelson Vanhook
Harry Tweed
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Ernest Jones
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Both are possible at one time through the Annuity Gift Plan of our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions.

The donor of any sum from \$100 up will be paid a guaranteed annuity for life, or may assign it to some loved one as a Christmas gift, with the income to be paid each Christmas as a continuous remembrance.

Lump sum gifts are often dissipated quickly. But an annuity lives for the life of the beneficiary and then the principal sum goes as a gift to spread the Gospel of Christ around the world.

If you are interested in the possibilities of thus making TWO Christmas gifts in one, write us at once for full information.

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Our Mountain Work would like to have accurate information concerning any others in service, and also about the service record of any former student.

The Bible And Bible Sunday

The American Bible Society is preparing to supply large quantities of foreign language Scriptures to European countries as soon as the war ends.

The Society's annual observance of Universal Bible Sunday will be on December 12. Through its office in Geneva, Switzerland, the organization has supplied almost a half million Bibles, Testaments and Gospel portions to prisoners-of-war in Germany and other countries in 34 different languages.

The Society's observance of Bible Sunday is supported by more than 50 Protestant denominations. The Presbyterian Church, U. S., of which Asheville Presbytery is a part, is one of these fifty. One-half of 1 percent of all the benevolent gifts in the Presbytery is for the Society's work.

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THANKSGIVING AT ORPHANAGE

First Church Shower And Other Activities

By Mrs. J. H. Gruver

The Thanksgiving season was a very happy one for the Orphanage family. The week began with the big shower at Asheville First Church, the success of which was due to the efforts of the ladies in promotion work, soliciting gifts of money, groceries, clothing, and securing speakers to give radio broadcasts to bring the Orphanage cause before the public in an interesting way. We are indebted to Station WWNC and Station WISE, as well as to the newspapers, for their help in the publicity program, and to the speakers who gave of their valuable time.

At the Church House the ladies gave the entire day to receiving and attractively arranging gifts that were brought in and the tea served in the afternoon brought together workers and visitors in a restful, pleasant social hour. That these devoted women love the cause for which they labor and to which they give much thought and planning year by year, their untiring efforts testify. Besides money and groceries, many gifts of new as well as good used clothing were re-

(Continued on Page 2)

On December 1st

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| Total Receipts, Home Mission Emergency Fund | \$2,382.84 |
| Short of Goal (\$3,160.65) | \$ 777.81 |
| (See Details on Page 5) | |

OUR CHURCH SEAL



Meaning Of Emblems

The Dove: The descent of the Holy Spirit. (John 1:32.)

The Star: Christ, Himself. (Num. 24:17; Rev. 22:16.)

The Lamp: The Witnessing Church. (Matt. 5:14-16.)

The Burning Bush: The Indestructible Church. (Ex. 3.)

The Laurel Wreath: The Victorious Church.

The Motto: "The light shineth in the darkness."

COLLEGE GROUP ORGANIZED

Westminster Fellowship In Synod Set Up

Approximately sixty Presbyterian students from twelve institutions in the Synod of Appalachia met at the First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn., on November 27-28, and organized the "Westminster Fellowship of Students of the Synod of Appalachia," with Russell Fleming, of King College, as the first president.

Misses Azielee Kopley, Zunita Wakefield, and Wanda Jacobs, Montreat College, and Miss Ruth Lyerly, Western Carolina Teachers' College, Cullowhee, were from the only institutions in Asheville Presbytery represented at the conference.

Miss Kopley was made chairman of the Committee on Time and Place of the Conference for 1944. She also served as secretary of the Seminar, discussing "The Christian Student Accepting the Challenge of the World," and reported on same at the Sunday morning hour.

Miss Wanda Jacobs, of Montreat, was nominated to be secretary-
(Continued on Page 3)

On December 1st

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Receipts, Thanksgiving Offering, Central Treas. | \$1,829.47 |
| First Church, Asheville | 1,785.10 |
| Direct to Superintendent | 1,172.75 |
| Short of Goal (\$5,000.00) | \$ 212.68 |
| (See Details on Page 3) | |

Season's Greetings

Merry

Christmas

May your Christmas be Merry,
Because your Faith is strong...
May your New Year be Happy,
Because your Hope is fulfilled...
May your every day be both,
Because your Heart is full of
Love for the Christ-Child...

Happy

New Year

Our Mountain Work

(IN ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY)

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The Bible In The Home

We search the world for truth, we cull

*The good, the pure, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,*

From the old flower-fields of the soul,

*And, weary seekers for the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.*

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

Every parent wishes the best for his children: the best in health, in education, in opportunity, in companionship, and, most of all, in character. Homes are established to insure just these things. The location of the home, its appointments, its daily program, its atmosphere, are all studied particularly that those who live there may grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Which immediately suggests the Bible. The Bible has been the cornerstone of the best homes always and everywhere. The home is where the Bible was first used by Christians. The churches met in homes. The schools likewise. These have outgrown the home; but the Bible still does its best work in its original setting. The church-school movement came into being principally because the Bible was being neglected in so many homes. Too much can not be said in praise of the church school. Wise parents will attend it themselves, not only to encourage their children to go, but to improve their own knowledge and love of the Bible. But, far more can be done for the development of character through the use of the Bible in the home than anywhere else.

The unrivelled stream of parental influence can be sweetened by the parents' own use of the Bible. Children unconsciously grow interested in the interests of their parents. Parental enthusiasm for music, for flowers, for art, is contagious. Likewise parental enthusiasm for the Bible.

That the Bible may hold its redemptive place in the home, the fol-

lowing suggestions are offered:

1. The Bible will have a regular place among those things which the family does together. The family eats together, and every meal may begin with prayers which reflect the Bible's teachings. To these prayers may be added the reciting of memory verses of praise and thanksgiving.

2. Family worship is possible in thousands of homes. If not each day, there can always be found at least one time each week when the family may gather about the Bible and its message.

3. The power of music to bridge the gap between ages has always helped to hold home life together. To this end, it is always a help to use the hymnal along with family Bible reading. A little study of the topical index of a standard hymnal will reveal how simply this can be done. Children who early learn to sing their religion retain it better for the long hard days of adulthood.

4. In every home, every copy of the Bible should become an object of reverence and respect. It is well to have every member of the family possess his own copy of the Bible, preferably with his name stamped in gold letters on the cover. Even very small children who cannot yet be expected to read for themselves may thus grow into the right attitude toward the Book.

5. As children mature, parents will find many helpful arrangements of the Scriptures, printed in large type for beginners, with pictures and other aids to unfolding interest. Older children who have mastered some of the principles of elementary education will welcome instruction in the use of a teachers' edition of the Bible with references, concordance, topical indexes, maps, and other helps. The use of these, however, should never become a substitute for the Bible text itself.

6. Many homes have been helped by establishing in the living room a Bible corner, where there may be assembled a small family Bible with family register pages faithfully kept, children's editions of the Scriptures, a Bible dictionary, and other books that help toward an understanding of God's Word. Besides its practical convenience, such a Bible corner lays emphasis upon the fact that the Bible is different and more important than any other book in the house.

The successful use of the Bible in the home lies with the parents. Underneath all else must be an unshakable conviction that, in spite of all the difficulties attendant on securing time for the reading and study of the Bible, it must play a major role in the family's common life and in the individual lives of all the members.

It is important that the family's interest in the Bible be natural and unforced. On the assumption that it is one of the common interests of the group, it should find its natural place in the table talk and fireside chats of the family circle.

Thus the Word is made to live in the life of a home. On almost all its pages the Bible presents man as seeking God's approval. One can not live with the Book by daily habit and not himself grow in his desire and capacity to please his Maker. The constant thinking on

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ceived.

The children are always much excited about the "show," and it is a great privilege for the boys who are so fortunate to be chosen to go to Asheville with the truck to pack and haul home the goods. Then there are trips hither and yon to gather up other donations and to "bring home the bacon" in the form of turkeys and cranberries for the annual grand dinner.

A daughter of the Home, in Boston, Mass., in a letter enclosing an offering, expressed her longing to be present on this occasion and wondered wistfully if we would arrange the tables, as traditionally, in the form of a "T." Yes, we did, and the decorations and place cards were unusually attractive.

A morning drive to church in the crisp air, the little ones having a special part in the singing, a trip by some of the boys to Mills River to bring that church's donation, work on rabbit traps and playing out-of-doors, stimulated appetites that are never lagging, so those for whom the dinner bells rang sat down at the festal board entirely ready and willing to make the best of an excellent opportunity.

Turkey and cranberries were from Mrs. F. S. Terry, according to her long-time custom; mashed potatoes, peas, hot biscuits, fruit salad and coffee were from our own pantry, while ice-cream from Southern Dairies and cake from Asheville Baking Company, brought the end to a perfect dinner. We often wonder how the dietitian with the help of such young girls manages these special affairs and keeps cool and balanced and always good-humored.

The afternoon was taken up with different kinds of amusements for groups and individuals. The day closed with a short prayer service at which many of the boys and girls gave expression to their gratitude for many blessings.

Three of our absentees enjoyed being home for the day, Ruth Keller, Marie Ann Foxx, and Georgia Smith. It was good to have them and they, with T. V. Singleton, had a merry time. Mr. Singleton, who has a disability discharge from the Army, is well equipped for the work here and we hope he can remain with us. Having grown up at the Orphanage, a graduate of Swan-

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the things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, produces what is noblest in human character, and pays the highest dividends on the investment in a home.

Further suggestions and leaflet material for encouraging the use of the Bible may be secured by writing

Rev. I. S. McElroy - Secretary
American Bible Society
1530 Central Nat. Bank Bldg.
Richmond, Va.

College Group Organized

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treasurer, but her name was withdrawn when it was learned that she would complete her work at Montreat this year. Miss Lyerly was nominated in her place, but the election gave the office to Marion Bowditch, of Maryville College. Miss Marie Ellis, of the University of Tennessee, was elected vice-president.

Rev. Joseph M. Garrison, Director of Student Work in the Assembly, was the principal speaker during the conference. Dr. E. B. McGukin, pastor of the host church, was the Sunday morning preacher. Rev. James M. Carr, Th.D., Director of Religious Education of the Synod of Appalachia; Rev. T. L. Liston, Ph.D., President of King College; and Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of Asheville Presbytery, were the leaders of the three seminars.

A constitution was adopted, which included all Presbyterian students in educational institutions within the bounds of the Synod of Appalachia who desired to affiliate with the Fellowship. Annual meetings are contemplated with registration fees to cover the cost of entertainment and overhead. The government of the Fellowship will be in the hands of the students attending these annual meetings in a ratio proportionate to the number of Presbyterians in the institutions represented.

An executive committee is to be set up which will include the elected officers, one member from each institution not represented by an elected officer, one college or university pastor, and the approved director as advisor. In addition there are to be as ex-officio members, the chairman of student work in the Synod, the regional director of Religious Education in the Synod, and the president of the Young People's League of the Synod.

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

Central Treasurer

Receipts To Dec. 1, 1943.

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| Andrews | \$ 19.56 |
| Black Mountain | 116.81 |
| Brevard | 27.00 |
| Brittain's Cove | 18.31 |
| Bryson City | 50.00 |
| Canton | 74.59 |
| Dillingham | 3.85 |
| Franklin | 46.95 |
| Hendersonville | 301.60 |
| Highlands | 170.00 |
| Ivy Park | 10.00 |
| Kenilworth | 118.00 |
| Montreat | 50.00 |
| Morrison | 5.50 |
| Murphy | 61.95 |
| Red Oak | 5.25 |
| Robbinsville | 6.50 |
| Swannanoa | 72.02 |
| Waynesville | 74.15 |
| Weaverville | 71.39 |
| West Asheville | 79.39 |
| Total | \$1,382.82 |
| Individuals | 446.65 |
| Grand Total | \$1,829.47 |

MILDRED HAMPTON



Mildred Hampton lives just outside the city limits of Murphy. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church there. She and her sister are dependent on their mother for their sole support. She is an honor member of the graduating class of the Murphy High School.

It was a bit surprising to see her for the first time entering the High School Auditorium in the arms of two strong boys who had made a saddle seat for her. That is the way she always goes to the auditorium, which is on the second floor.

In 1938 Mildred was in an auto accident that left her unable to walk. Both her legs are paralyzed from the accident. At that time she was in the second year high. She was out of school for several years and then with a determination to make a come-back, she re-entered school in the fall of 1942. She will graduate with a business course as an honor-roll student in 1944.

She rides the school bus each day. She missed only seven days last year. Friendly arms lift her to a rolling chair and her sister sees that she is pushed to places where she cannot roll herself. But she is quite capable at getting around "on the level." Local clubs in Murphy have provided Mildred with the rolling chair.

But Mildred has ambitions. She wants to continue her studies to become a first-class and well-trained secretary or bookkeeper. She said that she wanted a course in Latin, to help her appreciate her own English language, for the missed her Latin in high school, due to the time she was out of school.

The story of Mildred's handicap, her ambition and her fine enthusiasm to overcome her difficulties has already led one fine Presbyterian to tell the editor of Our Mountain Work that he would be one to help see Mildred through a good business course in one of our colleges. There are doubtless others who would like to help in this fine enterprise. Further information can be secured from the editor, and contributions will be handled for this purpose.

Missionary Arrivals

Eleven Southern Presbyterian missionaries are returning home from the Orient on the Swedish ship, Gripsholm. They are scheduled to arrive in this country about December 3.

They are: Rev. and Mrs. R. J. McMullen, Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Farnior, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Allison, Rev. and Mrs. Maxey Smith, Rev. G. A. Hudson, Miss Hazel Matthes, R.N., and Miss Estelle Lumpkin.

Miss Matthes had been interned in the Philippines. Miss Lumpkin has been a missionary to Japan since 1911. All are reported well.

Congratulations To Andrews Church

Our Sunday School attendance has steadily increased during the last year. This has made it almost imperative that additional Sunday School rooms be added. Having no additional space connecting the church for more rooms, it was decided that the most economical and satisfactory means of increasing our number of Sunday School rooms would be to utilize the extra space in the basement of the Presbyterian Manse, which incidentally is located just a few steps from the Church. There was sufficient space for two very nice size rooms, and these rooms have now been completed and were used for the first time on Sunday, November 21. Folding doors were used to divide the two rooms so that one large room can be made out of them when the need arises. This now gives us a total of five rooms that can be used for the children, and the adult class meets in the Church Auditorium. The cost of these additional rooms was something over \$450.00.

Being a newcomer into this community, I believe I can say without being misunderstood that I think it is remarkable the way the Andrews Presbyterian Church and Sunday School has continued to function and to grow, considering the fact that it has had no resident pastor for a number of years. Of course, as you already know, those that have been most responsible for holding the church together and have provided the stimulus for its growth have been Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown. We now have some mighty fine officers and teachers in our Sunday School that are doing much to stimulate good attendance and increase interest in the work. In fact, the steady growth of the Sunday School within the last year has been due largely to the diligent efforts on the part of the teachers in our Sunday School.

—From a letter to the editor by E. S. Christenbury.

Giving At Christmas

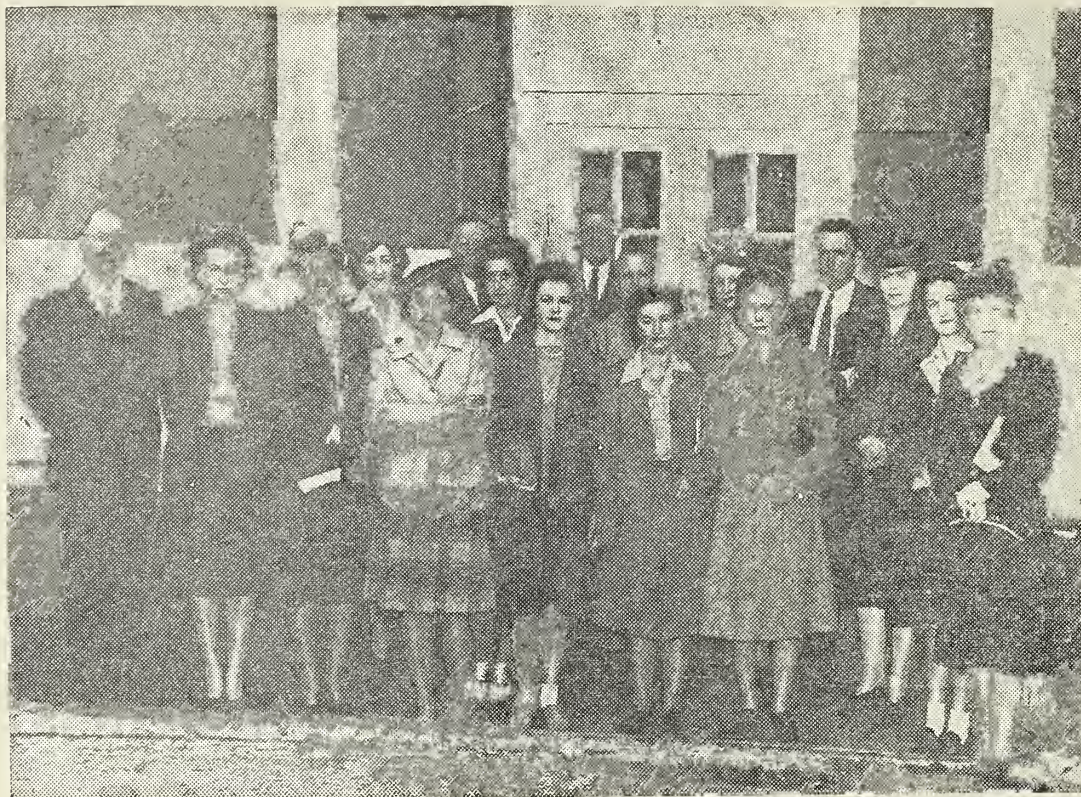
"What will you give to Jesus,

Jesus gave all for you?

Give Him your loyal devotion,

Nothing but love will do!"

MALVERN HILLS CONGREGATION



A group of the charter members of the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, Asheville, organized October 31st, with 32 charter members. Rev. Frederick R. Brown, extreme left, front row, is the minister. Misses Josephine Hempstead and Eleanor Turner, received November 14th, completed the roll of charter members.

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Swannanoa High School and King College, Tennessee, and having served eighteen months in the Army, he is prepared to fill a place of usefulness in his old home to which he has always been most loyal.

Two Sunday School classes, Mrs. C. E. Gordon's and the Pioneers of Miss Mildred Matthews, planned to come and give us Pre-Thanksgiving programs. As cases of mumps continued to develop, it was thought best to postpone their visits until later. One class, however, sent a treat of ice-cream and cookies, which were much enjoyed. We shall be looking forward to these visits when everyone is well. We were glad that all could be present at dinner on the day. We were grateful, too, that Mr. Griffin was able to return and be here for the occasion.

A shortage of fruit and sugar reduced the supply of canned goods we ordinarily receive from local organizations, but these, like Black Mountain Auxiliary, gave money instead. Somehow, Mrs. W. H. Kuykendall manages to find something to can for the Orphanage. We surely like the vegetables and apple-butter she sent. Swannanoa sent canned fruit, preserves, and jellies. Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Anderson, knowing the child's sweet tooth, sent two large boxes of stick candy, and Mr. Thomas Stelling, likewise an understanding friend sent several boxes of "all-day suckers." With the Mills River offering came one

each from Etowah and Holly Springs Churches. These included canned fruit and vegetables, corn, potatoes, meat and fowls. Three offerings came from Montreat in addition to individual gifts, one from the Sunday School, one from the Auxiliary, including provisions, and one from a class of young people in the college. Besides these there was a gift of aprons, pillow-slips and other useful articles from friends at Assembly Inn. It certainly warms the heart and deepens our gratitude to realize that so many friends remember us.

It has been a custom of the Beacon Manufacturing Company for many years to present the Orphanage at Thanksgiving time with a dozen beautiful blankets. This year they came as usual, and as the company says, "Beacon Blankets Make Warm Friends." The family appreciates these and are very proud of this comforting and colorful gift for their rooms.

One afternoon recently when Mr. Gruver and the children were out for a walk, a neighbor, "Uncle" Dan Brown, and his wife, met them and each made a very generous gift of money for the support of the work. This couple have been our friends for many years and frequently have expressed their good-will toward the Home.

It is a source of gratification to us at the Orphanage that such a large number of local people are regular and liberal contributors, friends in the Postoffice, in the bank, the Lions' Club of Black Mountain, the churches and indi-

viduals. These neighbors have an intimate knowledge of the work and believe in it.

We were made happy also by letters from sons and daughters of the Orphanage who wrote, quite a number of them, and sent contributions.

A friend of considerable means who has for a number of years been sending a generous gift, writes as follows, as he encloses his check: "I can see no future for charitable enterprises which depend upon that class of men who have had money to give away. They are rapidly being eliminated, after having taught for a couple of generations the beauty of philanthropy. It looks to me as though future gifts will have to come from the neighbors in pennies and dimes."

Such an expression of opinion by a philanthropist makes us doubly glad that our local friends and neighbors are interested in carrying on such a necessary work. There is no prospect for a lessening of the need. The number of children in the Home remains constant and there is always a waiting list. Dorothy Canfield Fisher says: "You can interrupt the improving of a road and ten years later go on with it about where you left off, but if you interrupt decent care for children and ten years later begin again to feel responsible for them, you can by no means begin where you left off. You find them irreparably grown up, and grown up wrong—enemies and liabilities of their community rather than friends and assets."

AUXILIARY

News of local Auxiliaries should be sent to Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Montreat, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

Foreign Mission Season

In any war, full and careful preparation must be made before each battle is begun. As we, under the leadership of The Captain of Our Salvation, begin the Foreign Mission push, let us make the same careful preparation. How shall we prepare? First: Let us pray for power. Pray that each church may feel the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through it. Second: Get interest through information. An informed group is an interested group. This year our pamphlets on Christian Venturing are especially interesting and timely: They are: In a Japanese Jail, We Went To West China, The Church in the Orient Learns to Walk, A Chance For Congo Womanhood, New Roads to Mexico's Heart, and Instituto Gammon. Both men and women will enjoy these articles. Third: Give to God's glory. A prayerful, informed heart will be anxious to help these people in other lands. The self-denial offering gives each of us an opportunity to help in sending the Good News to every land. —E. T.

Foreign Mission Study
January, 1944

Theme: Christian Venturing

For wide reading: Christian Venturing, a packet of six pamphlets, 30 cents for the set.

1. "We Went To West China," Frank W. Price.
2. "In A Japanese Jail," Harry W. Myers.
3. "Instituto Gammon," Eliza W. Calhoun.
4. "A Change For Congo Womanhood," Eleanor S. Morrison.
5. "The Church In The Orient Learns To Walk," Elizabeth W. McLaughlin.
6. "New Roads To Mexico's Heart," James H. Boyce, Elizabeth McR. Ross, and Richmond P. McKinney.

For Special Study: "For All Of Life," by Wm. H. & Charlotte V. Wiser; and "The Silent Billion Speak," by Frank C. Lauback. Each 60 cents.

For Leaders of Classes: "Discussions and Program Suggestions for Adults," by Saunders & Shannon; and "Into All The Villages," by Willis Lamont. Each 25 cents.

Any of the above supplies may be ordered from P. O. Box 330, Nashville (1) Tenn. at prices indicated.

Week of Prayer and Self-denial for Foreign Missions, January 30 - February 6, 1944.

DAY BY DAY**A Devotional Quarterly**

Published by Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Presbyterian Building, Richmond 9, Va., in the interest of building the devotional life of our membership and enlisting our prayers for definite individuals and causes in the work of the Kingdom of God, as represented by the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

It is the policy of the editors to arrange a daily devotional page, written by leaders throughout the Church. The January, February, March, 1944, issue contains devotionals (March 16-30) written by the presidents of the Young People's Councils of the Synods of the Church.

With the permission of **Day By Day** we reproduce herewith the devotional comment for March 17. It was written by Roy Sherrod, Jr., President of the Young People's League of the Synod of Appalachia.

Be sure to get your copy of this issue from your local church, or order direct from the publishers.

(From Day By Day*)

Thought For The Day

Not all of God's children are called to preach as ministers of the Church, but all are called to live Christian lives. The business of making a living in a hard world often seems to thwart the practice of Christian principles in everyday associations. It sometimes seems the "Golden Rule" is neither profitable nor productive. But it always is! Christ demands that all who love Him serve Him—in every act of each day.

God needs Christian men and women in the home, the field, the office, and the school, as well as in the church and in the pulpit. Your life has a purpose for Him; but to hear the Father call to you and tell you that purpose, you must walk with Him—everywhere. Then with Samuel you can say: "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth."

Prayer For The Day

Humbly, we come to Thee as children to an understanding father, O God of love, and ask Thee to examine our lives. Help us to dedicate not only our lives but also our daily activities to Thee.

—Roy Sherrod Jr.

Synod of Appalachia.

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YOUNG PEOPLE

News of local Leagues should be sent to Miss Dabney Adams, 324 Westover Drive, Asheville, N. C., not later than the fifth of the month of publication.

Enlistment And Training

December is the month of emphasis for Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. The work of this highway is very important.

During this time of war and stress, it is even more important that boys and girls receive a higher education. The Committee of Christian Education makes it possible for recruits for the ministry, who come from homes poor in this world's goods, but rich in faith, to receive aid in their seminary and college training. Not only are loans granted to students of ministry but also to worthy college students.

In the December Program Builder programs on the Christian Education Movement are found.

Also, in December, a special program by each Young People's Organization should be given for the Joy Gift. This is the only chance during the year when a special offering is taken for Ministerial Relief. Some of our loyal and self-denying ministers have been forced to retire on account of age or disability, and some have died leaving dependent widows and children. During the year 1942-43, 528 homes of these ministers have been on the Roll of Ministerial Relief. The December Joy Gift helps provide for these homes, not included in the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

Special programs or playlets on Ministerial Relief can be secured from 410 Urban Building, Louisville (2) Ky.

Let us all begin now to save those pennies we spend unnecessarily and give them to the Joy Gift.

Zunita Wakefield, Presbytery Chairman of Enlistment and Training.

Student Night

Sunday, December 26, 1943.

Theme:

Conserving Christian Leadership.

For Detailed Suggestions Write:

Rev. Joseph M. Garrison - Director
Joint Committee on Student Work
309 Urban Bld. Louisville (2) Ky.

LATEST AUXILIARY

On the night of October 31, even before the Malvern Hills Church was formally organized, the announcement was made that the Auxiliary would meet on the following Friday. This was good news and was as it should be. The Auxiliary should begin to function as soon as the Church is begun.

Thus the Woman's Auxiliary of Asheville Presbytery welcomes as its newest unit the Woman's Auxiliary of Malvern Hills Church.

The officers are: President, Mrs. W. N. Evans. 78 Trotter Place, West Asheville; Vice - President, Mrs. C. E. Jones; Secretary, Mrs. R. F. Brown; Treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Ray.

Until the Auxiliary was organized our youngest Auxiliary was Woman's Auxiliary of Ivy Park Church, which was organized in May with Mrs. Hoyt Wakefield as President.

—L.B.T.